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Hong Kong Dollar Rating

Shanghai, Aug. 20.
The Foreign Exchange Stabilization Committee announced today the Hong Kong dollar rate at CN\$7.550 buying, and CN\$7.350 selling on the basis of the U.S. dollar rate.
The U.S. dollar open market rate remains unchanged today at CN\$34.500 buying, and CN\$33.500 selling.—United Press.

New Air Speed Record

Muroc, California, Aug. 21.
A stub-winged Navy jet-propelled D-556 Douglas Skystreak, piloted by a veteran combat flier, today bellowed four times over a three-kilometre course at an average of 640.7 miles per hour to set a new international air speed record.
The plane, piloted by Commander Turner F. Caldwell, clocked 655.4 miles an hour on the fastest of its four flying passes.
The course was over this arid Mojave desert Army air base.
Caldwell, who flew scouting planes and fighters in the Pacific during the war, said his speed runs were made at an altitude of about 75 feet.
The new record was 16.9 m.p.h. faster than the record established a month ago by Army Colonel Albert Boyd in a jet P-50B.
Caldwell dived and flew first jet plane only two weeks ago.—Associated Press.

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BLAST IN OIL COY'S PLANT ROCKS HAIFA

Jerusalem, Aug. 21.
An explosion rocked Haifa early today near the works of the Socony Vacuum Company. First reports said damage was reported to be slight and without casualties.

There were also unconfirmed reports of another explosion at the East Hotel near the King David Hotel.
The East Hotel houses several Government departments and is 100 yards from the United States Consulate.
Meanwhile, one soldier was seriously injured today when a military truck was blown up by an electrically detonated mine on the outskirts of Nablus.
The detonating mechanism was found 40 yards off the road hidden behind a brushwood screen.

Refugees

In Jerusalem, Sir Alan Cunningham (High Commissioner) announced that the Jewish refugees on the "President Warfield" would be shipped to Hamburg inspired military and police precautions without precedent except when Hagana openly defied the British administration more than a year ago.
The army and police, alike obviously expected violent reaction from the Jewish community embracing moderates and extremists.
The Jewish Agency, in-

mediate went into full session and some sort of bitter and hostile reply is anticipated.
Jewish Agency circles feared they would be unable to prevent Hagana from some sort of retaliatory action while the Stern Gang and Irgun also are expected to go into action soon.
Another dispatch said the East Hotel explosion occurred inside an Arab shop within the hotel building.
There was no damage to the building and no casualties.

New Forces

The police identified the perpetrators as members of a new Arab movement called "Hurrieh" (Arabic for freedom) which deals exclusively with the Arab boycott of Jew-produced goods.
This was the first time the anti-terror siren in Jerusalem sounded because of Arab underground action.
The owner of the shop is an Arab who sold Jew-produced building materials and paints.
This appeared to be the first time that Arabs resorted to internal terrorism since the 1936-39 Arab revolt.—United Press.

Indonesians Prepare To Leave Capital

Batavia, Aug. 21.
Indonesian leaders are preparing to abandon their capital in anticipation of renewed war as the Netherlands Governor General, Van Mook, charged the Indonesians with a two-year record of "murder, arson and torture."

Van Mook announced in a radio broadcast here that Indonesian authority over the rich regions of Sumatra and Madoen, occupied by Dutch troops since July 21, would not again be recognised by the Dutch.
In the sharpest criticism he has ever voiced of the Republic, Van Mook declared that the Netherlands cannot indefinitely continue to leave the way open for the Republic "to change its attitudes and methods."

Neutral observers in Batavia said his remarks possibly pre-empted a drive on Jogjakarta.
Dutch military and civil officials are reported to have recommended such action to the home government in The Hague.
A dispatch from the Netherlands capital said the Cabinet met in another emergency session to consider the conflict.
Van Mook said the only au-

thority the Republic had originally was Soekarno's "golden voice," but his rule spread because Lord Mountbatten, then Supreme Allied Commander in Southeast Asia, was not prepared for the occupation of the Netherlands East Indies when the war ended.
Van Mook said an insufficient occupation force barely saved 100,000 Indonesians from murder by Japanese-trained Indonesians. He said that when Sultan Sjahrir, a non-collaborator, was chosen Premier of Indonesia, it became the "consistent policy" of the Netherlands to support constructive elements in the Republic in the hope of forming a "sovereign federated united states of Indonesia allied with the Netherlands in a real union."

But he added, constructive Indonesians failed in their efforts to overcome Japanese influences.
Van Mook defended the Dutch "police action" with the statement that it was inevitable since "warlords, gang leaders and profiteers" were growing rich smuggling and selling stocks of raw materials in Java and Sumatra.
When, on August 5, the Dutch halted military action in conformity with the United Nations request, Van Mook said, the gesture was interpreted by the Indonesians as a military defeat for the Dutch. He declared Indonesian bands were given orders to continue hostilities in territories occupied by Dutch troops.—Associated Press.

Shanghai, Aug. 21.
New charges of corruption of high CNRRA circles are under investigation today, only a few days after the Director, P. H. Ho, explained away anonymous charges made to a local procurator of wholesale "squeeze".
The "Hsin Min Pao" reports that nine provincial governors and three mayors in Manchuria accused a CNRRA regional director of corruption.
It is understood that Ho is sending a group of special investigators, including an auditor, to Manchuria this morning.—United Press.

Paris, Aug. 21.
Informants in the Colonial and Foreign Ministries said on Wednesday that former Emperor Bao Dai of Annam had no chance of securing French support for forming a non-partisan government in Indo-China.—Associated Press.

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Elections In China...

"No Postponement Will Be Considered," Says Spokesman

Nanking, Aug. 21.
Government is not considering postponement of China's general election. Election preparations are going ahead full swing, a Government spokesman said today.
At an earlier meeting of National Assembly delegates, it was decided to recommend postponement of the elections and to convene an extraordinary session of the National Assembly to revise the procedure and enforcement of the Constitution which the Assembly adopted last December.
The delegates pointed out that Communist occupation of about 22 Provinces and municipalities in North China and Manchuria made a free, democratic election impossible.—United Press.

New Housing Scheme Proposed By Council

An important statement on housing was laid on the table in Legislative Council yesterday.
Encouragement is given to the individual prepared to build his own home, and large sites may be allocated, at a reduced premium, to promoters of building schemes, with special consideration assured to non-profit-making organizations.

The statement reads:
Government is prepared to allocate building sites, including particularly Jardine's Lookout and Kowloon Tsai, for building schemes, by private treaty, at a reduced premium.
This will vary in accordance with the control or limitation to be exercised on the profits to be derived from any particular scheme.
Special consideration will be given to bona fide non-profit making associations.
Sponsors of building schemes are invited to submit technical and financial plans in respect of particular areas in as full detail as possible to the Director of Public Works within six weeks from the date of this announcement.

Conditions Of Grant
A condition of the grant by private treaty of any lease at reduced premium to permit building in accordance with the needs of the community will be that the lessee cannot be sold nor the accommodation let or sub-let without specific approval of Government for a period of twenty years from the date of issue.

Government is further prepared to alienate by private treaty at reduced premium available individual building sites to citizens who desire to build their own homes.
The conditions of alienation will include stipulation barring resale or sub-letting without permission for a period of twenty years.
A further condition of application will be that the applicant undertakes himself to live in the house he proposes to build.
If there are two or more applicants for any one site it will be awarded by ballot.

U.S. Plane Couldn't Land On Hainan

A Pan-American World Airways aircraft, on a survey flight to Hainan Island yesterday morning, was refused permission to land at Hoihow, capital of Hainan.
The aircraft left Hong Kong at 8 a.m. and returned three and a half hours later.
It was understood that the authorities at Hoihow had been informed of the flight.
The local office of Pan-American last night would offer no explanation for the Chinese authorities' action.

"Half Man And Half Ape" Creates Panic Near Shanghai

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Consumer Goods Prices In Shanghai Skyrocket Up

Shanghai, Aug. 21.
Prices of consumer goods—especially imported supplies—jumped following the adoption of the open market rate.
The retail price for gasoline rose more than 50 percent to sell at CN\$13,000 per gallon compared with \$6,000. Taxi fares jumped from CN\$20,000 (minimum of 20 minutes) to CN\$32,000 plus a 20 percent tip.

Quinced foods, cigarettes, toilet articles and medicines also went up in price.
Most retailers claim that since their commodities were imported with allotment at the official rate of exchange of CN\$12,000 to US\$1 in old days, they must be prepared for more expensive replacement.

These will be imported henceforth at the open market rate of CN\$39,500.
Observers pointed out that practically all imported goods here are sold at prices calculated at the black market rate.
The present revision of prices is unreasonable except in such cases like gasoline which is related at the official exchange rate prices.

They pointed out that any change in the exchange, regulation stimulates Shanghai's market and forces prices up as merchants "play safe" by changing price tags rather than miss a chance to rake in larger profits.
"Revival" in Washington, George E. Killian, new president of the American Steamship Lines, said today: "The Orient is on the eve of a commercial revival and the President Lines intend to take part in it."

This optimistic forecast of change to come in the Far East was made as Killian took up his duties with the Democratic National Committee and prepared to take over direction of the shipping line.
"I am going to the Orient as soon as affairs permit to get in on the ground floor of the commercial revival that is coming out there," he said.
Killian painted in rosy hues

China May Confiscate All Gold

Nanking, Aug. 21.
The independent Hsin Ming Pao today speculated that the Government might order the nationalisation of gold.

Quoting what is described as an authoritative source, the paper said the Government is expected to outlaw private possession of gold bullion—mostly in ten-ounce bars which are widely used in larger transactions such as buying automobiles and houses.

A call would be made on the people to sell their bullion holdings to the Government.
The open market rate will be fixed near the present black market rate of about CN\$2,500, 000 per ounce.

Meanwhile, Pro-Government front-line dispatches today said the Nationalist forces, continuing their offensive to wipe out the important Communist supply bases on Kweichow Peninsula, have recaptured Yangchiakou, one of the Shantung ports through which the Reds had been pouring in reinforcements and materials from Dairen and Port Arthur.

A Chinese report from Mukden, however, said the Generalissimo's Field Headquarters in Manchuria has ordered new security measures—no telephone conversations on current affairs and military news.—United Press.

London, Aug. 20.
The King has given orders for the appointment of Princess Margaret, now a Colonel-in-Chief of the Highland Light Infantry.—Reuter.

Still They Keep Together

Osaka, Aug. 21.
A patrol of the 24th Infantry Division has located a common grave of 90 prisoners of war near Funatsu.
According to the announcement, the remains are those of American, British, Australian and Dutch soldiers who were forced to work in the nearby mines and died from various causes during the war.
They were cremated and buried in a common grave.—United Press.

Chifley Warns Of Dollar Lack

Canberra, Aug. 21.
Premier J. B. Chifley, warning that Australia would have to impose "pretty severe" restrictions on imports, told a conference of State Premiers today that the dollar position had "deteriorated rapidly particularly in the last couple of days."

The Prime Minister added: "I hope some amelioration of the position will be reached in the consultations taking place at the moment (the Anglo-American financial talks in Washington)."

"But I'm not too sure that that can be done," he warned.
Mr. Chifley said it would be "sheer and complete delusion" if the Australian people thought they could escape the economic difficulties of Britain.

Import restrictions would apply "in some measure" to sterling in addition to the United States and Canadian dollars.
Meanwhile, selling of bank shares on the Sydney Stock Exchange this afternoon was the heaviest in many years.
Most offerings were taken by the Australian Government at prices ruling before the recent announcement of the bank nationalisation plan.—Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

Pressure gradients are slight over the Far East with shallow depressions over the Lower Yangtze Valley, N. Indo-China and the Caroline Islands. Weather is relatively high to the E. of Japan and over NW China.
Today's Forecast—Light E or variable winds, mainly fair and very warm.
Yesterday's Weather—
Maximum: 84.1 deg. Fah.
Minimum: 70.7 deg. Fah.
Rainfall: 0.4 inches.
Hainan: 80.1. Total since Jan. 1—1284.7 mm.—76.17 inches as against an average of 1582.2 mm.—62.44 inches.
Readings at:
10 a.m. 10 a.m. 4 p.m.
Dau. at max. 100.6 100.7 m.b.
Equal 29.91 29.74 inches.
Rel. Humidity 76 80 %
Dew Point 78 78 deg. F.
Wind Direction Calm E by S
Wind Force 0 9 knots.

Sikhs On Rampage In Jullundar

Jullundar (East Punjab), Aug. 21.
Ravaging bands of Sikhs invaded this industrial city of 75,000 population today in an outburst of violence and terrorism.

There is no law and no order here—nothing but burning buildings.
Tall heared Sikhs, in bands of half a dozen, pillaged the city, burning Moslem buildings and ferreting out remnants of the Moslem populace with huge ceremonial swords.

The native police, who are all Sikhs or Hindus, made no effort to curb the rioters.
They stood by idly with the butts of their bayoneted guns resting on the ground while they watched the Sikhs on their rampage.

Moslems Flee
Most of the city's Moslem fled the city two nights ago when the situation became serious.
The North-West Frontier Force, comprising about 100 of those remaining behind.

They are being guarded in the centre of the town until they can be evacuated.
The North-West Frontier Force was handicapped by a shortage of manpower and complete lack of cooperation from the local police.
A British colonel said troops, composed of Moslems, Sikhs and Hindus, were maintaining perfect discipline and were concentrating their efforts to save the remainder of the Moslems in the city.

KOWLOON TO APPOINT MEMBER FOR TRAFFIC BOARD

At the regular monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association, it was announced that the Association had been invited to nominate a member of the Traffic Advisory Board, which was at present being reconstituted.

Mr. J. N. Sweeney, the convenor of the Association's Traffic Sub-Committee, has been nominated in response to this invitation by the Officer Administering the Government.

Present at the meeting were: Mr. F. C. Clements (President); Mr. J. Moodie (Vice President); Mr. F. C. Mow Fung (Hon. Secretary); Mr. T. Cheung (Hon. Treasurer); Messrs. S. E. Faber, C. E. Terry, H. Braga, R. Pestonji, W. S. Loney, J. N. Sweeney, C. F. Wood, Yeung Tann Dart, A. M. Braun and the Rev. Fr. A. Granelli.

Housing

A letter from the Hon. Colonial Secretary was tabled stating that the views and recommendations contained in the Association's letter of the 7th July regarding housing problems were receiving the careful consideration of Government.

The Chairman reported that subsequent to despatch of previous letter, a further survey had been made in Kowloon, and details compiled of houses which, although rehabilitated, remained vacant.

This showed that there were quite a number of such vacant premises, most of which were being offered at exorbitant rentals, and payment of equally exorbitant "repair costs." In some cases the premises were being kept vacant while offered for sale at fabulous prices.

It was hoped that action in regard to such premises would be taken on the lines already recommended by the Association.

Mr. Terry reported on the

activities of the Home-Building Society Committee.

He stated that an early appointment had been arranged with the Hon. Director of Public Works, representing the Government.

He said 620 applications from prospective participants in the scheme had been received.

A comprehensive report from the Traffic and Street Lighting Sub-Committee was considered, and unanimously approved.

The recommendations made included improvements in the Traffic Control at the "Star" Ferry Circus, repairs to roads in bad condition, re-arrangement of bus stops, prohibition of traffic turning in Nathan Road other than at road intersections, and the introduction of compulsory Third Party Insurance.

Noises

Complaints of nuisances caused in residential areas by hawkers' cries, and various night noises, were discussed. It was agreed to request the Police Authorities to enforce the regulations prohibiting these nuisances.

A letter from Mr. J. E. Ternal suggesting that the Association should sponsor the transforming of the Mawan Beach Resort and Restaurant into a Club was read.

After discussion, it was agreed that the proposed sponsorship of a club did not fall within the scope of the Association's activities.

If Mr. Ternal desired, the Association would reopen with the authorities the question of transport to and from the resort.

World Events Debated

An interesting talk on "The International Situation" was given by Mr. Ip Kai-fong at yesterday's weekly meeting of the Y's Men's Club.

Mr. Ip paid tribute to the present British Government which had the courage to grant independence to India.

Mr. Ip said he was somewhat pessimistic as to the future of U.N.O.

He expressed the belief that it was doomed to the same fate as the League of Nations.

He based his view on the fact that America, instead of co-operating with other nations, had seen fit to go behind U.N.O. and to play a lone hand in regard to matters concerning Greece, Turkey and Indonesia.

The speaker also said that the average man did not desire war.

It was only the professional militarist and the manufacturer of munitions who would like to see the world hurled into another titanic struggle.

C.N.A.C. SURVEY FLIGHT TODAY

One of the C.N.A.C.'s Sky-masters, piloted by Captain H. T. China, will pass Hong Kong this morning on its way to Saigon, Bangkok, Singapore, and Batavia on a survey flight which has been in preparation for some time.

The survey group on board is headed by Col. C. Y. Liu, Managing Director of C.N.A.C., who is also representing the Chinese Ministry of Communications on this trip to discuss with the aeronautical authorities on the route regarding reciprocal landing rights.

As the flight is the first ever made to the South Seas countries, a short stay at each place enroute is planned so that the group have sufficient time to study problems relative to the forthcoming regular operation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

At yesterday's session of Legislative Council, presided over by H.E. the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, K.C.M.G., three new Bills passed their first reading.

The first Bill—"An Ordinance to amend further the Stamp Ordinance 1921"—was introduced by the Hon. Attorney-General (Mr. J. B. Griffin).

He said:—"The Bill before Council aims at a more effective collection of stamp duties payable on Stock Exchange transactions, thus securing an improvement in the total revenue derived from such source."

"Under the present law, which is embodied under Heading 40 of the Schedule to the Stamp Ordinance, ad valorem duty of 20 cents per \$1,000 is chargeable on instruments of transfer and a nominal duty is chargeable on brokers' bought and sold notes."

"In practice, however, it is found that the ad valorem duty yields only small revenue because of the custom existing in the Colony of executing blank transfers and using such blank transfers to pass title to a series of buyers and sellers, instead of executing a fresh instrument of transfer at each such stage."

"However, brokers' bought and sold notes are stamped when each sale takes place."

"It is therefore considered, and clause 3 of the Bill gives effect to such view, that improvement in revenue would result if the incidence of stamp duty were reversed, so that henceforth ad valorem duty would be chargeable on brokers' bought and sold notes and a nominal duty reserved for transfer deeds."

"Consequential on the proposal, contained in clause 4 of the Bill, it is proposed by clause 2 to amend sub-section of section 26 of the Stamp Ordinance so as to render the obligation upon any principal executing delivery of bought and sold notes, and not, as at the present time, placing the obligation of stamping bought and sold notes upon brokers only."

The motion was seconded by the Hon. Colonial Secretary and carried unanimously.

Education

The second Bill was "The Ordinance to Amend the Education Ordinance 1913."

Murder By Hands Unknown

"Murder by some person or persons unknown" was the verdict returned by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday at the conclusion of an inquiry into the death of a sanitary coolie.

Detective Sub-Inspector J. R. Sykes, for the Police, stated that Wong Cho, Sanitary Department coolie 1043, aged 32, was found in the early hours of May 25 lying in a scavenging lane off Tong Mei Road.

On receipt of a telephone call from PC Lee Hon, he proceeded to the scene and found deceased unconscious, suffering from head wounds.

A chopper was found by his side.

Dr. Onward Szeto, 312 Nathan Road, formerly of Kowloon Hospital, testified that deceased was admitted to hospital on May 25 suffering from a compound fracture of the skull.

There was a wide open wound down to the brain.

Supportive treatment, such as Penicillin, was given the man (continued Dr. Szeto) who recovered consciousness and appeared to be progressing.

The patient, however, later developed a cough and, on examination, was found to be suffering from tuberculosis. He died at 10.35 a.m. on June 7.

The autopsy performed in the afternoon of the same day revealed extensive tuberculosis of both lungs, said Dr. Szeto, who added that the man appeared to be a physical wreck.

OBITUARY

The funeral of the late Mr. George Vincent Tarik Marshall, who died at The St. Teresa Hospital yesterday, will take place at Happy Valley at 5.30 p.m. today.

The late Mr. Marshall, who was 73 years of age, was manager of Messrs. S. J. David & Co. He had been in China for more than 60 years.

During the occupation, he was an internecine at Stanley and returned to the Colony a year ago, after a short holiday.

He is survived by his widow, a son and daughter, as well as a sister, niece and several grandchildren.

CHINESE MAIDENS TO HONOR THE SEVEN SISTERS TODAY

The Festival of the Seven Sisters, one of the most romantic of Chinese festivals will be observed today—the 7th day of the 7th Moon—by Chinese maidens who have, in accordance with tradition, been living on a vegetarian diet for the past seven days.

The festival centres round the romance of the Weaving Maid and her cow-herd husband from across the western side of the River of Heaven.

According to legend, the Weaving Maid and her husband were forbidden by the Ruler of Heaven to meet more than once a year, because the Weaving Maid was neglecting her loom after marriage.

The day set apart for their meeting each year is the 7th day of the 7th Moon.

The "Romance of the Milky Way" has always had a particular appeal to Chinese womenfolk.

The celebrations today are an outward expression of female sympathy for the two heavenly lovers, who will meet again after a year's separation.

In practically every Chinese home today, on a table set apart for the purpose, fruit, cakes, rice powder, face cream, rouge, ribbon and thread will be laid out as offerings to the Seven Sisters.

There will also be the multi-coloured "Seven Sister Tray" without which no festival would be complete.

Personalia

In Manila last Sunday, in one of the biggest social events since the Liberation, the final of the Beauty Contest sponsored by Philippine Air Lines was decided.

Miss Evangelina de Castro, of Angulo Mountain Province, was crowned "Miss Philippines." This fortunate and lovely young lady will travel by air to California and will be given screen tests in Hollywood.

Hong Kong will have the pleasure of entertaining the runners-up—"Miss Luzon" (Miss Pacita Francisco), "Miss Visayas" (Miss Matilda Santiago), "Miss Mindanao" (Miss Gloria Mague), who will visit the colony in the near future as guests of Philippine Air Lines, Incorporated.

This afternoon, Friday, at 5.30 p.m., a lecture on "Fatima and Lourdes" will be given by Rev. Fr. De Angella at the Catholic Centre, King's Building, Father.

She was robbed of a \$50 note and a gold finger ring valued at \$75, by two robbers, one of whom was armed with a revolver.

The robbers, in their get-away, were pursued by a policeman on a bicycle.

The revolver was discarded in Prince Edward Road and recovered by the Police. No arrests were made.

The following passengers arrived and departed in C.P.A. aircraft:—

From Singapore:—Miss Lucy Yung, From Bangkok: Mr. Kee King Tee & Mrs. Gum Fong.

For Manila:—Mr. Lo Chao Foon, Miss Lucy Yung and Mr. E. Nue Sitw.

The forthcoming wedding of Ralph Lo, of Pureell, Stait, Y.P.O. U.S.A., of 1300 La Madera Ave., El Monte, Calif., U.S.A., to Lum Yut Wah of 9 Wo On Lane, 2nd floor, Hong Kong, is announced.

GUNMEN HOLD UP WOMAN

A Chinese woman, Ng Mel-kuen, was held up while proceeding up the stairway of No. 310 Sai Young Chai Street, at about 4.30 p.m. yesterday.

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WAR MEMORIAL FUND

Subscriptions received on 20th August:

Far East Shipping Co., Ltd. \$100, T. B. bets (& pays) \$20, Anonymous \$80, \$100, Total \$200. Hong Kong Government Contribution \$200. Received to 19th August, 1947, \$2,797,885.86. Grand Total \$2,798,085.86.

Concerning An Issue Of Ownership

Sir,—A recent cable from Nanking contained a vivid but presumably fanciful account of elections for the coming Chinese National Assembly by "overseas Chinese." We were told that "the Chinese owner of a Mott Street Chop Suey House in Chicago's 22nd St. Chinatown, and the operator of the Oriental Curio shop in San Francisco's Grant Avenue, will all share in China's first national election in October," which will decide the representation of the eight million overseas Chinese in the National Assembly and the Legislative Yuan. Hasty voting was anticipated in the East Indies, South Sea Regions, and Indo-China.

Another report stated that voters would be registered, and the elections supervised by Chinese official representatives in the areas. In his recent visit to Hong Kong Dr. Sun Fo urged Chinese in the Colony to participate in the coming election, which, it was stated, would decide the four Chinese who are to represent Hong Kong in the National Assembly.

In the Chinese Republic's earliest Constitutions, representation of "overseas Chinese" was provided for, doubtless out of gratitude for the financial support they had rendered to the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen. As far as is known, however, organized elections of Chinese overseas have never been held in the past. Legislators representing them have either been selected by local Guilds or Chambers of Commerce, or nominated by the dominant Kuomintang clique.

The announced intention of holding formal elections on foreign soil in October, next raises the question of compatibility with the sovereignty of these territories. By no other country in the world are elections to its legislature organized in territories under the sovereignty of another Power. Even the Germans, when they attempted to organize such elections in Belgium, have taken the so-called electors outside the three-mile limit to cast their ballots!

It is more than doubtful whether the American Government will tolerate organized elections in the China-towns of New York, Chicago, San Francisco and other large cities. For most of the Chinese residing in these localities claim American citizenship, and one of the simplest methods of losing that citizenship is "voting in a political election in a foreign State." It is not unreasonable to presume that this would apply equally to voting in such an election, whether on foreign or American soil.

Some governments permit representation in their legislatures of their overseas possessions. This is the case with some of the French Colonies. The United States recognizes delegates to Congress from Alaska and Hawaii, and a Resident Commissioner from Puerto Rico who are permitted to speak and submit motions but not to vote.

In the exceptional conditions attending the 1944 elections in the United States and the 1945 election in Great Britain, troops serving overseas were permitted to vote, but this did not imply any derogation from the sovereignty of the overseas territories in which they voted, which were either enemy countries, or areas in which their Allies had conceded national jurisdiction over their respective armed forces.

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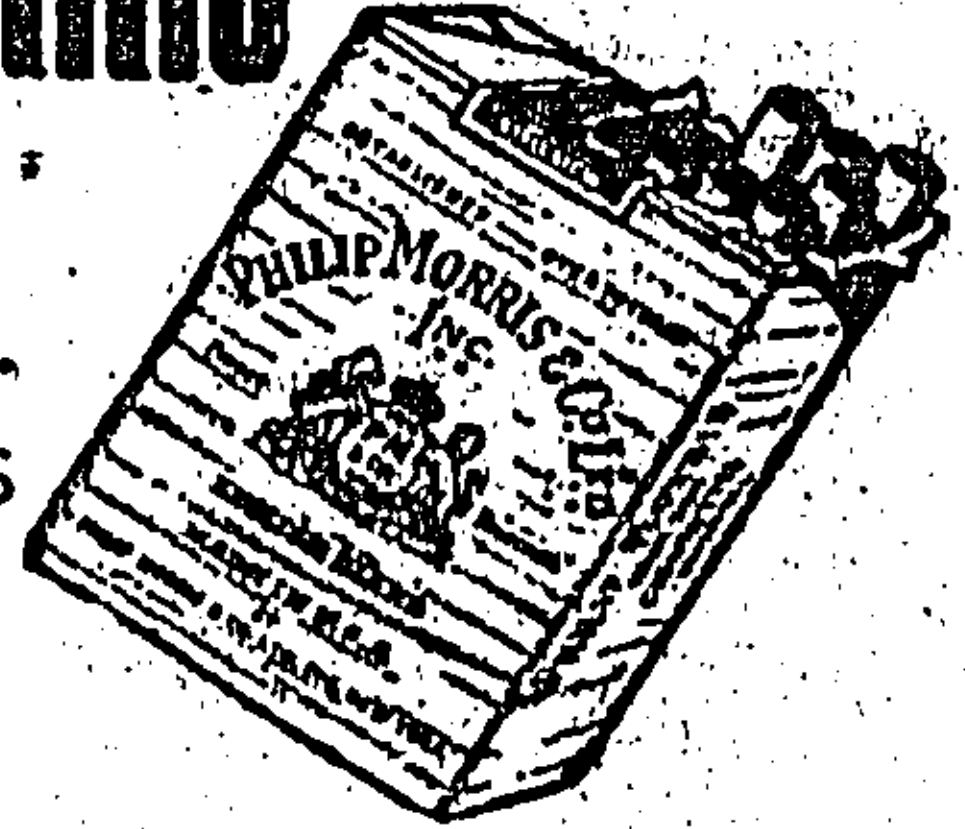
be on display and a film entitled "Progress"

depicting the activities of the Poles Group

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DROUGHT GRIPS EUROPE

No Sign Of Break In Scorching Sunshine

Forest Fires Cause Heavy Damage

London, Aug. 21.

Drought—in some places the worst in 100 years—holds Europe in its grip, causing forest fires, drying up water and milk supplies and bringing threat of hunger and starvation of thousands.

Dr. Heinz Runge, Potsdam weather expert, said the heat wave has destroyed or is in the process of destroying Germany's potato and cabbage crops. He forecast starvation unless rain breaks the drought soon, but said the prospect of rain soon is poor.

Germany's rainfall is about 10 inches under normal. Fields are wasting away under the heat and German farmers are slaughtering their cattle because they lack fodder. Even if rains came within the next two or three weeks it may be too late to save the crops.

The situation is particularly severe in districts west of the Harz mountains and in the Magdeburg area.

Forest fires have swept along the Dutch-German border since last Friday and exploding mines have prevented effective measures to fight the blazes.

More than 850 acres of woodland have been destroyed and fresh winds have swept the flames towards the Dutch frontier despite the efforts of fire brigades and British troops. Berlin radio said only rain could extinguish the fire.

Drought In Britain

The German story is repeated in varying degrees in most parts of Europe.

Britain, in weather bureau terminology, is officially experiencing a drought, having gone 15 days without rain. There is no sign of a break in the heat and farmers, although happy about their harvests, are apprehensive about the lack of pasture, which may cut deeply into milk supplies.

Hull and the East Riding of Yorkshire are faced with a milk drought that may last until October.

The Food Ministry last night announced a cut in the milk ration from 2½ to two pints per person, but this was a normal seasonal reduction.

The unrelenting hot sunshine has quickly matured Britain's grain and the harvest is going forward rapidly. Some areas report a "light" wheat harvest but many farms are threshing out 6½ quarters to the acre and the moisture content is reported not more than 14 per cent, compared with the usual 18 per cent for English wheat.

Forest Fires

Britain, too, is plagued by forest fires, the largest of which began across 12,000 acres in Yorkshire. Another major fire burned out 1,100 acres on the Duke of Bedford's estate in Bedfordshire. Numerous small fires were reported, together with one instance of railway switchpoints fused by the heat.

Holiday resorts were jammed, with one of the few alarming indications occurring at Torquay where the authorities warned that cuts in the water supply might have to be made. In London, the Metropolitan Water Board said there was no need to worry about water shortage.

France was experiencing its worst crop weather since record-ings began in 1872. Although the normal wheat harvest averages 8,000,000 tons, France is expected to have only 3,000,000 tons.

SOUTHAMPTON ALARM

Southampton, Aug. 20. All ships in and around Southampton Docks were warned today that a 1,000-lb unexploded bomb was lying within 500 yards of the docks. A bomb disposal squad worked feverishly to make it harmless.

The bomb was discovered yesterday when a dredger brought it up. The vessel was broken off and the bomb badly damaged. Bomb disposal officers said it was in a "precarious condition."—United Press.

French Bid For Peace In Indo-China

Paris, Aug. 21.

A French Cabinet meeting, presided over by the Prime Minister, M. Paul Ramadier, will be held today to consider proposed peace terms to the Vietnamese.

M. Ramadier today conferred with M. Emile Bollaert, French Commissioner in Indo-China.

Report from Saigon state that the Indo-Chinese National Union Front—the party opposed to the present Viet Nam Republic government headed by Ho Chi Minh, today started recruiting public opinion for the return of Bao Dai, the former Emperor of Annam, now living in exile in Hong Kong.

Placards and handbills were distributed in Saigon, while the Provisional Committee of the Front appealed by cable to Bao Dai "to save the present situation and realize the unity and independence of Viet Nam in the French Union."

A Vietnam radio broadcast quoted Dr. Ho Chi Minh, the Republican Premier, as claiming: "Bao Dai was with us always and is our closest friend, and the whole nation of Viet Nam has full confidence in his fidelity."

It is also learned from Saigon that the police combed the city this morning, removing Viet Nam flags pasted on walls and lamp-posts to commemorate the "August Revolution of 1945 by Ho Chi Minh."

The Socialist Ministers in the French Cabinet are committed to a more liberal policy in negotiations with the Viet Nam, while moderate and right wing Ministers oppose this, fearing that such a policy will feed the fires of national disaffection in other French colonies.—Reuter.

Dance Hall Controversy

Shanghai, Aug. 21.

The bitter controversy over the prospective closure of Shanghai's dancehalls as part of the government's new austerity programme was stimulated further by Pang Chih, head of the Shanghai Kuomintang, who told reporters that dancing should be banned not only in public places but in private homes.

"While our soldiers are dying on the battlefields, I think no patriotic man or woman here would like to embrace each other under soft lights," he said.

Pang Chih took the view that taxi-dancers who are going to lose their jobs when the ban against dancehalls is implemented, should acquire "useful talents" in reconstructing the country and wiping out the land tax—but did not elaborate upon this remark.—Associated Press.

Link Over The Atlantic

Portland, Maine, Aug. 21.

British ex-Servicemen of Portland, Dorsetshire, have proposed in a letter to city manager Lyman S. Moore of Portland, Maine, an exchange of veterans flags between the two cities.

Councillor L. W. Bollen of the British Portland said that a flag sent from Maine would be used to complement a plaque dedicated there on August 22, 1945 by the former United States Ambassador John G. Winant, commemorating the fact that the "major part of the American assault forces which landed in France on D-Day June 6, 1944, were launched from Portland Harbour."—Associated Press.

Margaret Rose's Birthday

Balmoral, Aug. 21.

Princess Margaret Rose "comes out" on Thursday on her 17th birthday, but no State Ball or other high society function will mark the occasion.

Instead, the debut of the younger daughter of King George and Queen Elizabeth will take place at a quiet family party in Balmoral Castle, where the Royal family is vacationing. "Coming out" means, for Princess Margaret, that she will go to more parties and full public engagements than she has as a member of the Royal family—a state of affairs that she will, reportedly, welcome.—Associated Press.

FRENCH ACTION

Paris, Aug. 20.

The Government decreed last night that French farmers must declare their total harvests or face heavy penalties. The order requires each farmer to declare the exact size his harvest, how much he intends to deliver to Government-controlled granaries and when he expects the crop to be available.—United Press.

GROMYKO TRIES TO EMBARRASS

Lake Success, Aug. 20.

Opening the general debates on the Egyptian case in the United Nations Security Council today, the Brazilian delegate, Senor Carlos Muniz, declared that Brazil considered the situation in Egypt did not present an immediate danger to international peace, and therefore the Council "was not justified in taking action."

Senor Muniz said the Security Council "should let both parties settle their differences in conformity with the principles of justice and international law."

"The Egyptian Government," Senor Muniz declared "did not take upon itself the unilateral decision of not complying with the treaty which, in its opinion, has outlived its purpose. On the contrary, it has sought to settle differences by direct negotiation should continue."

"If the Security Council were to accede to the request of the Egyptian Government, disregarding the provisions of a treaty still in force, it might establish a dangerous precedent likely to subvert the principle of respect for treaty obligations on which international society is based."

"The only justification for such an action by the Council would be the presence of immediate danger which has not been demonstrated."

Rule Of Law

"The Egyptian people have shown their capacity for progress and are entitled to the enjoyment of full sovereignty. But peoples seeking liberty and independence must be the first to accept the rule of law, for law is the principle condition for the preservation of freedom."

"Britain has demonstrated its goodwill by agreeing to negotiations for revision before the date set by the treaty."

"The Brazilian delegation, without passing upon the merits of the case or upon the duties and obligations of the parties in consequence of the 1936 treaty, is of the opinion that the Security Council is not justified in taking action in the matter."

Members of rival Sudanese political parties, the Umma and Ashigga, were present in the distinguished visitors' gallery.

Soviet Line

The Soviet delegate, M. Andrei Gromyko, declared: "The Soviet delegation absolutely cannot agree with the British contention that the question is not within the jurisdiction of the Security Council."

The Egyptian Prime Minister, Nokrashy Pasha, was absolutely right when he declared that the presence of foreign troops in Egyptian territory was incompatible with sovereignty.

The Soviet delegation completely supported Egypt's demand for the evacuation of British troops.

The Sudan question was not clear and it was difficult for the Council to arrive at a decision until the wishes of the Sudanese people were known.

M. Gromyko added that the provisions of the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian treaty were a contradiction of the Charter. "The fact that the agreement was concluded before the United Nations was created perhaps can explain the presence of such a contradiction, but this cannot in any way be used as a justification, especially in that part of this agreement which envisages the presence of foreign troops in Egypt."

Must Be Corrected

"Moreover, it only emphasises more clearly that the situation must be corrected and must be brought into conformity with the main principles of the United Nations."

India Staging New Attack

Lake Success, Aug. 21.

South Africa's rejection of a United Nations recommendation for correction of the alleged discrimination against nationals of Indian descent will result in another hot fight, in the General Assembly, next month, India delegation sources indicated Wednesday.

India is expected to take the lead also in an attack on South Africa for rejecting another Assembly resolution recommending United Nations trusteeship for the Southwest Africa mandate administered by the Union under a league of nations agreement.

The Indians said their delegation for the assembly was shaping up with the virtual certainty that it again will be headed by Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, sister of Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and the new Ambassador to Moscow.—Associated Press.

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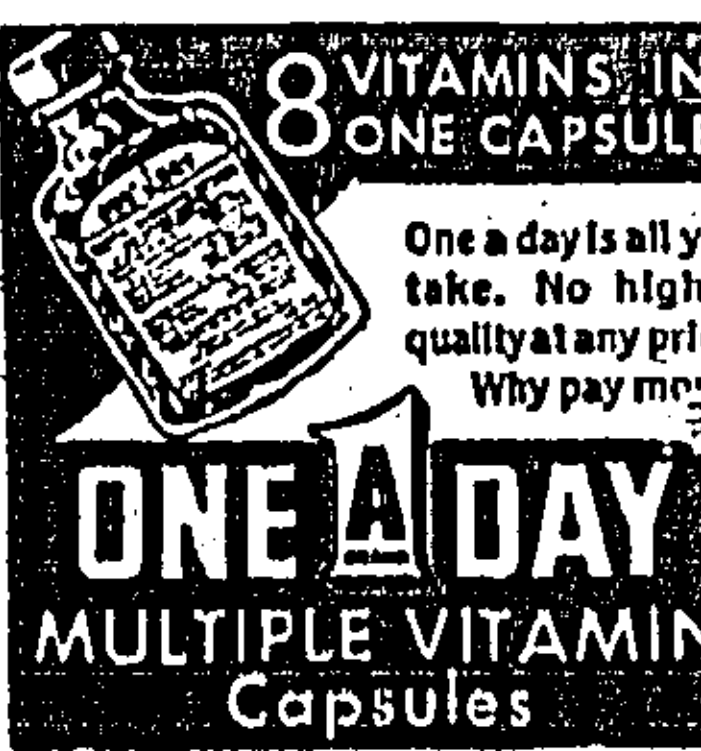


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be held on Monday, 1st Septem-
ber. Candidates should bring
pen, ink and paper for tests in
both English and Chinese sub-
jects.

The results of the entrance
examination will be announced
on Wednesday, 10th September,
and the actual enrolment of suc-
cessful candidates will take
place on Thursday, 11th Septem-
ber.

Detailed arrangements will be
announced from time to time on
the notice boards outside the
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KOREA INCIDENT

Washington, Aug. 20.
A War Department official to-
day said that Lt. Gen. John Hodge,
in notifying the Department that
three American soldiers were being
held by the Russians in Korea,
did not request Department action.
It was unlikely that any action
would be taken unless asked by
Gen. Hodge.
The official said the Department
understood the soldiers seized at
the zone border were carrying
cameras.—United Press.

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ATTLEE RESIGNATION? Flurry Of Speculation Aroused By Rumours

Officer Charged In Dope Case

Jerusalem, Aug. 20.

When the trial of a British
officer and a Christian Arab ac-
cused of conspiring to smug-
gle 180,000 dollars worth of
drugs into Egypt, was resumed
here today, a driver for the
Combined Services Entertain-
ment Unit "Jukebox," spoke of
seeing slabs of "a white sub-
stance" and some "sticky brown
stuff smelling of poppies" scat-
tered over the road when his
vehicle overturned.

These substances were mor-
phine and hashish, the prosecu-
tion said.

The accused were Lieutenant
Scamington, a member of the
Entertainment Unit, and
Georges Jarboun, an Arab from
Haifa.

The drugs were alleged to
have been concealed among the
stage show "props" on an army
vehicle, which was involved in
an accident near the Palestine-
Egypt frontier.

The prosecutor said today
that six tin boxes were loaded
on the vehicle while the driver
was sipping coffee in a road-
side tavern.

The hearing was adjourned
until tomorrow.—Reuter.

CHARGE OF HARMING FELLOW P.O.W.

San Diego, Aug. 19.

Lieutenant (jg) Richard F.
Gascoigne of Oceanside, Califor-
nia, will be tried at a naval
court martial here on September
2 on charges of mistreating fel-
low prisoners of war.

Gascoigne was arrested at the
Santa Margarita naval station
near Oceanside on May 15. He
was accused of "favouritism in
dividing up food stores and of
beating fellow prisoners."

He was captured by the Jap-
anese in April 1942 and became
storekeeper at Omuta prison
camp in Kyushu. He is an 11-
year veteran of the Navy.—
United Press.

RETIRED ON THE MORTGAGE

Chingford, Aug. 20.

Joseph Taiton, retired two
weeks ago and his firm gave him
a handsome cheque with which
he paid off the mortgage on his
house.

On Monday he decided the
house needed painting and he
started to burn the old paint off
the eaves.

The flame set fire to some
paving. He lost the roof of his
house, most of his furniture,
£100 in hidden banknote savings
and he's afraid he even lost his
claim for insurance through
lapse of the policy when the
mortgage was paid off.—Asso-
ciated Press.

WOLFSWAGEN RUNS AGAIN

Hamburg, Aug. 19.

The German Volkswagen, the
10-horsepower rear-engine car,
developed during
Hitler's regime, is to be export-
ed to Belgium, Holland and
Scandinavia as part of the ex-
port drive launched by the
British and United States Mil-
itary Government.

Now being made at a factory
near Brunswick, the car will sell
abroad at the equivalent of
about £180, and dealers will be
established in various foreign
countries, it was stated.—Reuter.

No Hint From Official Quarters

London, Aug. 20.

London political circles went into a flurry of
speculation today, following a sudden renewal
of rumours endemic for months past that Mr.
Attlee had decided to resign and nominate as
his successor, Mr. Ernest Bevin.

Coming at the most delicate stage in Britain's
economic crisis when the Labour Government
is rendering to the United States an account of
its stewardship of \$1,500,000,000 of borrowed
dollars the story of the forthcoming Cabinet
reshuffle may accelerate the tendencies al-
ready in motion within the Labour Party.

Although Mr. Attlee's personal
position was not directly chal-
lenged in the recent secret meeting of
the Parliamentary Group, the
narrow division with only four
votes in favour of the Cabinet
implied a large measure of dis-
content with the leadership.

Officials at the Cabinet head-
quarters in Downing Street today
declined to comment on the "Daily
Mail" report, taking the view
that the report did not call for
official notice.

Most people today accepted as
a strong probability that some
kind of Cabinet reshuffle is on the
way, recalling earlier indications
that Mr. Attlee's team was over-
due for revision. It is also widely
accepted that Mr. Attlee may be
considering his personal position
in the light of the lukewarm re-
ception accorded his recent
speeches on the crisis.

Mr. Attlee's role is to help the
Labour Party to carry out while it
fulfils its electoral programme. He
loses value when the Party shows
signs of splitting into discordant
elements. While these arguments
are present in the minds of the
rank and file of the Labour Party,
they are even more strongly ap-
parent to the sensitive, intelli-
gent of the Prime Minister himself. So
today's rumours while uncheckable
at this stage cannot be rushed off
as of no account.

The Choice

The choice open to the Party if
Mr. Attlee decides to go makes
the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Bevin,
an easy favourite. His rigorous
handling of the nation's most un-
popular job as Director of Man-
power during the war has scarce-
ly dimmed his personal popularity.
When the Cabinet held its emer-
gency meeting on Sunday, it was
Mr. Bevin who received by far
the biggest volume of cheering
from the crowd in Downing
Street.

To those who assert Mr. Bevin's
alleged unacceptability to the
Left-Wing of the Labour Party,
the reply is that he has always
triumphed over his critics in open
and secret debate.

Other possible candidates are
the President of the Board of
Trade, Sir Stafford Cripps, the
Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr.
Hugh Dalton, and the Minister of
Health, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, a re-
mote possibility because of his
supposed leadership of the radical
faction in the Party, who would
only become a serious prospect if
the balance shifted strongly to
the Left.—Reuter.

Mr. Morrison Paints Brighter Picture

London, Aug. 20.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, who is acting as Prime
Minister during Mr. Clement Attlee's holiday,
told a press conference today that Britain's
July exports reached the highest value ever
recorded.

Unemployment was at its low-
est in peacetime since reliable
statistics began, employment was
at its highest and the building of
British coal stocks was several
weeks ahead of the target.

Under British chairmanship,
the Paris conference had reached
a substantial agreement on joint
proposals for European revival
going further than anything
achieved in the 20 inter-war
years.

"We are doing plenty and we
are going to do plenty more," Mr.
Morrison declared.
Coal production in the Ruhr
under British management had
reached its highest level since
the war—nearly 240,000 tons
daily.

He gave these provisional
figures for British trade and in-
dustry: July exports, £110,370,000
as compared with £93,100,000 for
June. July imports were £179,200,000
as against £169,600,000 for June.

The total employed in industry
was 19,300,000 in June as com-
pared with 17,820,000 for the

corresponding month of 1939.

"It begins to look as if we
have stopped the rot in coal," he
declared.

Questioned about whether the
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New Air Speed Record

Washington, Aug. 20.

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experimental plane "Skyrocket"
tanked across a measured course
on the California Mojave desert
this morning at an average speed
of 640.7 miles an hour—a new
world's record.

The "Skyrocket"—dubbed "flying
milk bottle" by Navy pilots—
roared across a three kilometer
course at Muroc Field, California,
four times. Its fastest speed for
any one run was 653.5 miles per
hour.

The previous record—623.8
miles per hour—was set over the
same course on June 19 by the
Army Air Force pilot, Colonel
Albert Boyd of Asheville, North
Carolina, in a P-80 "Shooting
Star".—United Press.

HARBOR PASSES

Rye, N.Y., Aug. 20.

The death of Lt. Gen. James G.
Harbord, 61, who rose from a
private to Chief of Staff in World
War I and then retired to become
an industrial tycoon, occurred
today.

Harbord was the honorary
chairman of the Board of the
Harris Corporation of America
and a leading figure in the de-
velopment of radio industry. He
served as President of the RCA
from 1923 to 1936.—United Press.

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"Terrible Plague" Seemed To Have Swept Cadiz

(By Antonio Garrachon)

Cadiz, Aug. 20.

This city looked like it had been visited by a terri-
ble plague. In a few agonizing instants a
happy industrious city was converted into
shambles of terror.
I was thrown from my chair across the
room, landing under the window sill. I looked
out and saw the sky lighted a ghastly crimson
as a thunder-crashing explosion echoed
through the bay.

I dashed outside, having just
finished dinner. There were
two more blasts which rolled
like a barrage of heavy artil-
lery. The building shuddered
and the streets trembled.

It had been hot and still.
Suddenly the streets were filled
with wildly running people,
some of the women screaming
hysterically. A neighbour rush-
ed by with his wife and four
children and shouted: "I am
going to the docks to be near
water in case everything catches
fire."

We were in the main part of
the city at the tip of the penin-
sula and figured the explosion
probably was at the naval docks.
The crash was so violent that
I was too stunned to realise
what it was.

The word flew around that
it was the torpedo works, that
the Echevarrieta shipyards
were wrecked, that the whole
peninsula was on fire.

A frightened middle-aged wo-
man asked me: "Are we being
attacked? Is it the Reds?"

Thick With Dust

I got lost in the multitude of
people and moved toward the
San Severiano quarters. The
authorities advised the people
to go to public squares waiting
there to see if there might be
other explosions. Some were
just wandering aimlessly.

I could see flames leaping as
I neared the poor part of the
peninsula where little people
live. Smoke got into my eyes
and the air was thick with dust
from collapsed buildings. I
coughed constantly as I stum-
bled forward.

Around me buildings seemed
to be wrecked. It reminded me
of pictures I have seen of Ber-
lin. The confusion was in-
describable. I passed a crying
girl tugging at a leg protrud-
ing from the rubble. She
pleaded to passers-by: "Please
help me get my papa out of
here."

For hours I covered the joint
districts of San Severiano and
San Jose. I do not think a
single dwelling was left intact.
I was overcome by the stench
of burning flesh from one build-
ing where some apparently
were trapped.

Bleary-eyed, I returned and
collapsed into bed.

The next morning there were
numerous conflicting reports.
Even now it is impossible to as-
sess the disaster. Besides the
dead and wounded, there were
hundreds of homeless and thou-
sands jobless. Priests visited
hospitals ministering to vic-
tims. I saw a priest adminis-
trating the last rites to a man
dying in a doorway.

It will take years to rebuild
Cadiz. The living will never
forget the tragedy of August
18. Cadiz is a city in black.—
United Press.

1,000 Dead?

Madrid, Aug. 20.

The news agency Cifra, quot-
ing an authorized semi-official
source, said today that over 400
bodies have been recovered in
the Cadiz explosion.

It is now estimated that the
death toll will rise to a thou-
sand, on the basis of the num-
ber of bodies recovered.

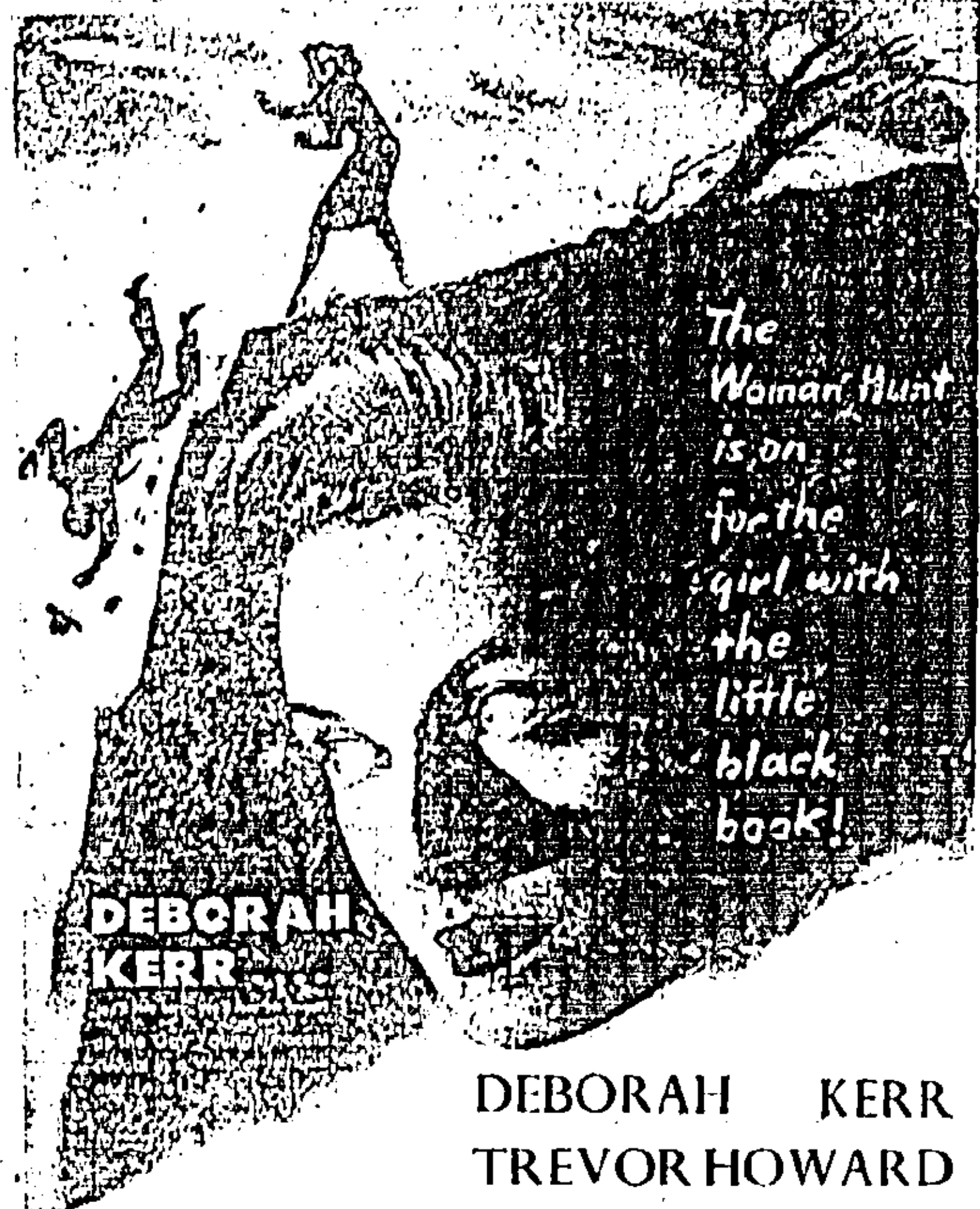
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ed that between 5,000 and 6,000
persons were injured.—United
Press.

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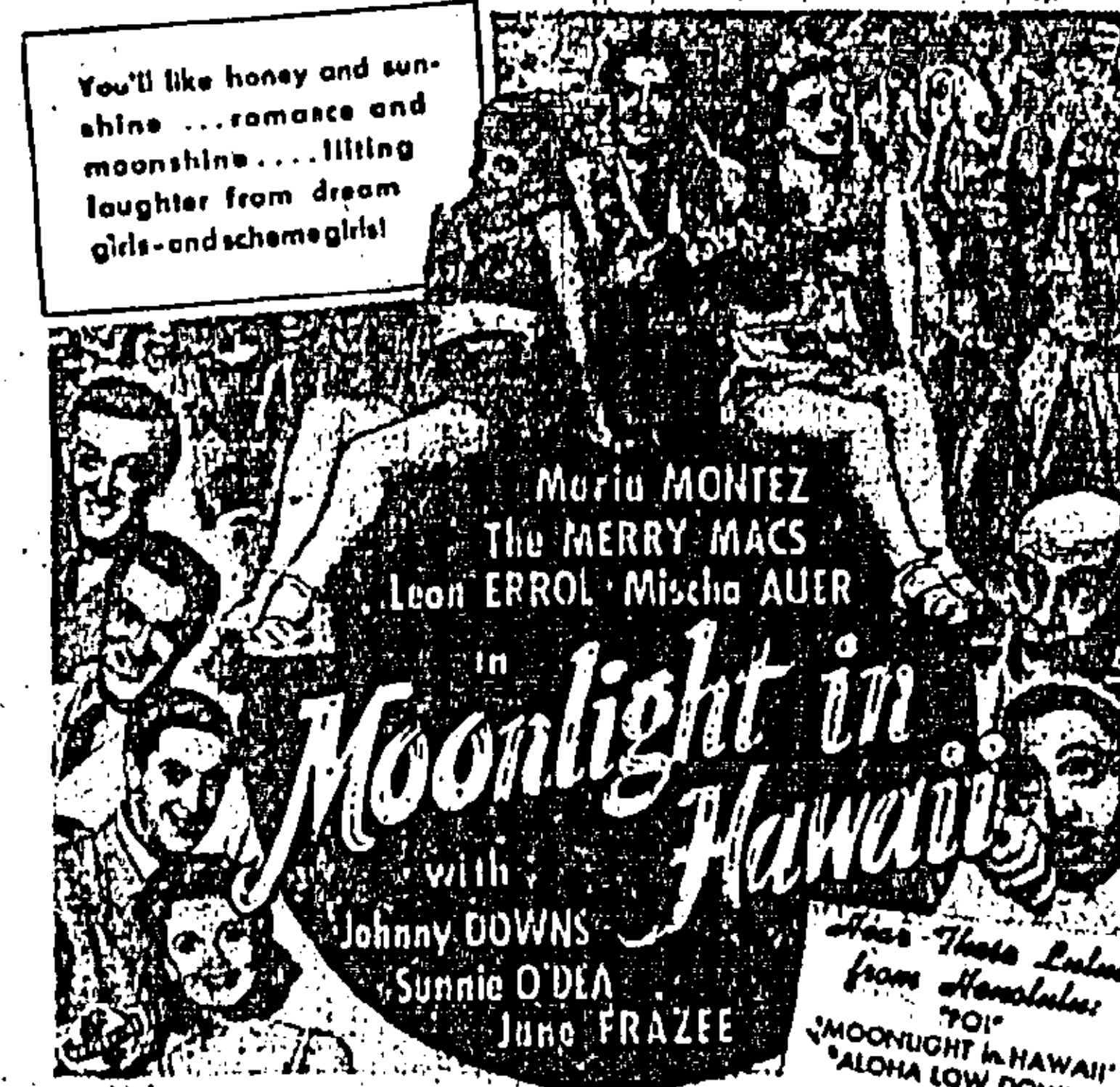
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Counsel Makes Strong Protest In "Menace" Case

"I do not think it fair to amend the charge at this stage when the prosecution has already closed its case. How could it be fair to the defendant if the charge is so amended as to make it the very opposite of the original charge?"

This protest was made by Mr. Lam after Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr had declared that the charge of demanding \$120 with menaces from Wong Mei-lai brought against Police Constable Cheng Kong had failed, but that he intended to amend the charge to one of obtaining money by false pretences.

At the close of the case for the prosecution yesterday, Mr. Lam submitted that he had no case to answer as the prosecution had entirely failed to prove menaces.

His Worship: "Yes, Mr. Lam, but what about false pretences?"

Mr. Lam: "But he is not charged with that offence."

His Worship: "Yes, but I am going to charge him with false pretences right now. There is definite evidence of false pretences. Under the Magistrates' Ordinance (section 21 of 41 of 1932) I am empowered to do so."

Protest

After protesting against the unfairness of the step, Mr. Lam stated that if he had known that that action would be taken he would have cross-examined the witnesses.

When His Worship decided that the charge of false pretences would be preferred against accused, Mr. Lam applied for an adjournment to consult Counsel on whether the Magistrate should exercise his power at that very late stage of the proceedings.

Defence counsel also applied for bail, in a very nominal sum, for his client who, he pointed out, had been in gaol custody for over a month.

Declaring that the menaces charge had completely failed but that a prima facie case of false pretences had been made out, His Worship proceeded to

\$20 from Wong Mei-lai by falsely pretending that he was collecting for Yu Shun-hing, mother of the 7-year-old girl who was injured by Wong Mei-lai on July 14.

After a short adjournment, His Worship granted bail at \$2,000 cash and \$2,000 surety. Hearing of the new charge will be at 10 a.m. on Aug. 27.

Cheng Kong, a constable attached to the Kowloon City Police Station, was originally charged with demanding with menaces the sum of \$120 from Wong Mei-lai, married woman, at 722 Nathan Road, second floor, on July 15.

It was alleged by the prosecution, and complainant's witnesses, that the accused called at the premises several times that day and said that the mother of the 7-year-old girl whom complainant injured in the course of a fight with Chau Pk-shan, had asked for additional compensation.

Protest

What Happened In The Courts

Solicited Passengers

Passenger traffic on lorries running between Kowloon and the New Territories has become so quiet that conductors resort to soliciting other passengers in order to attract passengers.

This was revealed by Sub-Inspector J.S. Howarth when he prosecuted Ng Sang, 18, lorry fook, and Lau Wan, 24, with soliciting for passengers. The driver, Lau Yuk-tong, 25, was charged with aiding and abetting.

Mr. J. Scrim of the Kowloon Traffic Office, said S/I Howarth was walking along Nathan Road, near Fire Street, at 3.55 p.m. on Wednesday when he heard the first two accused shouting "Tal Po" from the rear of lorry 6123.

In asking for a serious view to be taken, S/I Howarth pointed out that the vehicle was moving very slowly during the whole time and might have caused an accident.

Defendants were fined \$20.

CARNAL KNOWLEDGE

Pung Kee, 19, of 459 Hennessy Road, 3rd floor, was charged before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday with Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday with unlawfully attempting to have carnal knowledge of Chan Chiu Mui, a nine year old girl, on Wednesday. He was sentenced to one year with hard labour.

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RADIO SETS STOLEN FROM KAI TAK DROME

Smart work on the part of the police resulted in the recovery of various aircraft equipment, including a wireless transmitting set and three receiving sets, within 48 hours of their reported loss from various airplanes at Kai Tak Airfield.

As the result of a surprise raid at the Tai Chung Radio Shop, 569 Nathan Road, at 9.30 a.m. on Aug. 19, Detective Sub-Inspector J. M. Forrest and Detective Yau Kau and Li Hong-ling took into custody Li Hung-kwan, radio mechanic, Kwong Fui and Ting Kit, travelling traders, and a 30-year-old unemployed Li Tim, of 2 Lion Rock Road, second floor.

A 17-year-old youth, Li Wing, was arrested at 5.30 a.m. the following day at 2 Lion Rock Road, by the same party.

Appearing before Mr. W.H. Latimer yesterday, four were charged with the larceny of transmitting and receiving sets, while Li Hung-kwan represented by Mr. A.S.C. Comber, was charged with receiving stolen property.

Mr. Forrest's application for a remand of 48 hours "for further inquiries and further charges," was granted.

Services Rifle Association

Practice Shoots will be held on Saturday 23rd August and Sunday, 24th August. Launch times, Saturday, 23rd August, Queen's Pier Dep. 1430 for East Pier Stonecutters, Star Ferry Steps-Kowloon and Queen's Pier, Sunday 24th August, Queen's Pier Dep. 0915 for East Pier Stonecutters, Star Ferry Steps-Kowloon and Queen's Pier, Sunday 24th August, Queen's Pier Dep. 0915 for East Pier Stonecutters, Star Ferry Steps-Kowloon and Queen's Pier. Practice Shoots in future will take place fortnightly.

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Band Practice: Members of the H.K.P. (R) Band will parade at the H.K.P. (R) Headquarters every Wednesday and Sunday at 10.00 and 11.00 hours respectively for Band Practice under Mr. A. W. Apps (Bandmaster).

Identification Cards: Identification Cards are now ready for members of Nos. 1 and 2 Companies. Members are requested to apply personally for same from Mr. T.V. Chong (Secretary) at the Headquarters. They are also requested to return their Temporary Identification Cards in exchange for this new card. This card will be issued as from Monday, 25th instant.

Revolver Shooting: All members of the H.K.P. (R) Force who have failed in their Revolver Shooting Course, and those who have not yet fired their course will parade at the Kennedy Road Revolver Range, on Saturday, Aug. 23, 1947 at 1430 hours sharp (weather permitting) to fire and pass their course in Revolver Firing. C.I. (R) Chou Ching, C.I. will be in charge. Strict range discipline must be maintained. No private revolvers will be allowed at the Range.

Appointment of C.I. (R) T'ao Chi On will be appointed temporarily as Officer-in-Charge of No. 3 Company in concurrence with his post as C.I. (R) Headquarters as from Aug. 6, 1947.

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1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.10 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.15 p.m.—Puzzles.
1.30 p.m.—Popular Classics.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Studio Children's Half-Hour.
6.30 p.m.—Mandarin and His Orchestra.
6.50 p.m.—Studio "See You on Screen".
7.00 p.m.—Studio "You Asked For It".
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7.00 p.m.—London Relay: World News.
8.10 p.m.—London Relay: Home News from Britain.
8.15 p.m.—Studio: "Music Hall".

8.45 p.m.—Orchestra: Piano Concerto in A Minor, Op. 16, Wilhelm Furtwangler and the New Symphony Orchestra.
9.10 p.m.—Music for Dancing.
9.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "The Frog Gets Dressed" by Edgar Wallace.

9.50 p.m.—London Relay: News.
9.55 p.m.—Weather Report.
10.10 p.m.—Excerpta from "Die Walkure" (Wagner).
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

EXTRADITION

Extradition proceedings were concluded before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday, when Nah Shui Hong, formerly a cashier of Carr Ramsey & Co. Ltd., at present under detention by the Bangkok Authorities, was charged with embezzlement on April 14 of the sum of \$15,000, the property of his employers. Formal evidence was given by the manager of Carr Ramsey & Co., the present cashier, brokers and others who had dealings with the defendant.

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DEATH

MARSHALL—on 21st August, peacefully after lengthy illness, at St. Theresa Hospital Hong Kong, G. V. Tarik, aged 73. Beloved husband of Ida and father of Blanche Gordon and Francis. Funeral cortege will pass the Monument today at 5.30 p.m.

NEW HOUSING OFFER

Government's invitation to private enterprise to embark upon building schemes contributing to a solution of the housing problem is also somewhat in the nature of a challenge. To find fault with the nature of the offer made in the statement laid yesterday on the table in Legislative Council, is not easy, except that six weeks gives little time to sponsors of building projects to draw up complete technical and financial plans. The demand for haste is not, however, in itself a matter for criticism. After all, the whole weight of the attack on Government for its failure to realise any substantial housing progress has rested on what has appeared to be its willingness to leave time to provide a solution. Moreover, merit must be seen in proposals which offer an advantage of bonafide housing planners, who have already spent time and energy of preparing large-scale schemes, and are almost ready to submit them, and are not tempted to enter the field at this stage merely because of the generosity of the Government offer. That it is a highly favourable offer will be readily accepted. In essence, it involves the alienation of two of the largest easily-developable building sites remaining within easy distance of the urban area on terms depriving Government of the exceptionally high premiums readily obtainable at public auction. In the interests of non-profit-making associations, Government is prepared to sur-

What Has Happened To The Loan Dollars?

By J.C. Johnstone

For weeks past the air has become daily thicker with warnings by Ministers about an impending dollar crisis. The dollar loans, we are told, are being so rapidly exhausted that before the end of the year they are likely to run out, leaving us with no resources to cover the huge deficit in our balance of payments.

No doubt the Government have all the facts before them and the peril is real. But they never tell us just how the country has got into this mess. The ordinary citizen is left to divine the mystery as best he can for himself. Let us make the attempt.

The Washington Agreement of December, 1945, provided for a dollar credit of \$337,500,000, to be drawn upon at any time within the five years ending Dec. 31, 1951. Shortly afterwards a similar agreement with Canada provided for a further credit of \$312,500,000, making \$1,250,000,000 in all.

The purpose of the credits was to tide us over the inevitable gap in our balance of payments during the period of transition to normal peacetime conditions and to assist us in capital re-equipment.

Last year, thanks to the unexpectedly favourable development of our trade position, we drew on these credits to the extent of only \$280,000,000, so that we started this year with \$970,000,000 still available.

Near The End

The Government, according to the Economic Survey for 1947, expected to limit their drawings in 1947 to \$350,000,000 and thus to have \$620,000,000, or approximately half the credit, still in hand at the end of the year. This would have been a situation which could fairly be described as comfortable.

The question naturally suggests itself why, with little more than half the year gone, we are already in dire straits. Up to the end of July, \$588,000,000 has already been drawn—\$238,000,000 more than was intended for the whole year.

Thus, with five months of 1947 still to come, we have expended—including last year's drawings—a total of \$866,000,000, and have only \$384,000,000 outstanding. At the recent rate of expenditure this would only suffice till about November. Two reasons are adduced for this lamentable state of affairs—first, the curtailment of exports through the fuel crisis, and second, the depreciation in the value of the credits due to the rise in world prices. Sir Stafford Cripps has just hinted at a third—an unexpected strain on sterling as a result of convertibility, which began on July 15.

100 Years Ago

(From the files of the "China Mail.")

Between Wednesday evening and Thursday morning, a burglary was committed in Gough Street. A Bungalow was entered and some trunks of clothing carried out in the verandah and ransacked. The watchman on the beat must have slept very soundly not to have been disturbed.

This is the season for robberies, and it is particularly desirable that a few trustworthy European be appointed to go the rounds and see that the Indian police are awake and at their posts. We apprehend that this duty is performed in a slovenly manner, the attractions of the Public Houses proving too great for the faithful guardians of the night.

The "Amelia," which has just arrived from the Sandwich Islands, reports the discovery of a large island in Latitude 19 deg. 22 min. North, Longitude 141 deg. 15 min. 30 sec. East; a calm at the time. It appeared about 40 feet high and 4 miles long, very barren and of a brown colour.

William Byrne, Tailor, from Buckmaster's London, begs most respectfully to inform the Gentry of China that he has commenced business in the above line on the Premises situate in the Queen's Road, opposite the Coministariat Gate; and W. B. trusts from his experience in the above well known House in London, to meet with that patronage and support that it will ever be his study to merit.

Export Hopes

Laying their original plans for 1947 immediately before the fuel crisis, the Government felt entitled to assume that exports would continue at the same rate of expansion as in the latter part of 1946.

In the last quarter of 1946 the monthly average of exports was \$88,600,000, and this represented a volume of 111 per cent. of pre-war. The rate of expansion was such as to indicate a volume of 118 per cent. in the first quarter of 1947 and of 125 per cent. in the second quarter.

If exports had, in fact, expanded at this rate, and if the price level had remained stable where it was at the end of 1946, it may be calculated that the value of exports in the first half of this year would have been about \$682,000,000, as against the actual value of \$561,000,000. Similarly, if import prices had not increased, the value of what we actually imported in the same period would probably have been about \$703,000,000—\$83,000,000 less than they in fact cost us.

Thus the visible deficit on the first half year's trading account would have been about \$120,000,000. In the second half of the year, assuming as before the same rate of expansion and the same price level as in the last quarter of 1946, exports should have reached about \$650,000,000. Imports at the June volume, but at the price level of the last quarter of 1946, would be about \$770,000,000, making a deficit of \$120,000,000.

The Widened Gap

Thus, the aggregate deficit on the year would have been about \$240,000,000. This agrees approximately with the estimates in the Economic Survey for 1947.

The actual situation is that in the first half-year the visible deficit was \$233,000,000, reflecting the effects both of the fuel crisis and of the rise in prices. In June exports showed a marked recovery to 106 per cent. of their pre-war figure, as compared with 97 per cent. in April. If they were to resume expansion at the rate of the last quarter of 1946 and the price level were to remain where it is, they should average in the remaining months of the year about \$102,000,000, as against \$93,000,000 in June. This would give a total of about \$16,000,000 for the half year.

Imports at the June volume and values would total \$900,000,000 in the second half-year, leaving a deficit of \$285,000,000. The total gap on visible trading account would thus be about \$520,000,000, or about \$280,000,000 more than it seems was reasonably to be expected at the outset of the year.

These calculations are necessarily hypothetical, but if they are anywhere near correct, they would go some way towards explaining how the present position has arisen.

Convertibility

They would mean that drawings on the dollar credits during the year would be roughly \$620,000,000, as against the \$350,000,000 on which the Government had reckoned.

At the end of the year \$900,000,000 (including the \$280,000,000 drawn in 1946) would have been used, and only \$350,000,000 would remain available for the future, as compared with the \$420,000,000 originally anticipated.

This, however, though bad enough, cannot be the whole story. It does not explain why, if drawings of \$620,000,000 are the estimated requirement for the whole year, \$588,000,000 has already been expended during the first seven months. This is about \$230,000,000 more than would be expected on the basis of the actual trade deficit to date.

Where has all this money gone? An important source of the drain is almost certainly the obligation of convertibility, assumed on July 15 in accordance with the Washington Agreement. This no doubt partly explains the exceptionally heavy drawing of \$175,000,000 on the dollar credits in July, and it may prove only temporary.

Under the convertibility arrangement countries acquiring sterling on current trading account become entitled to convert it into dollars. Many countries have entered into agreements with us not to do so beyond stipulated limits, but it seems

that some others are exercising this right to the embarrassing extent.

There may also be other causes. For example, Government expenditure abroad (for example, on Germany) may have been higher than was anticipated.

Such appears to be a broad picture of the causes of our present plight, but it is a picture painted largely in the dark owing to the Government's persistent abstention from disclosing the relevant information. The question now arises how far these causes were within the control of the Government, and how far outside it.

The above estimate of \$280,000,000 as the additional deficit on the year due to the combined effects of the fuel crisis and the rise in prices comprises \$170,000,000 in respect of the crisis and \$110,000,000 in respect of the rise in prices. The \$170,000,000 does not differ significantly from Sir Stafford Cripps's round figure of \$200,000,000 as the loss in exports due to the fuel crisis.

It will be seen that by far the more important of the two factors is the fuel crisis. Indeed, without it, the loss due to the rise in prices alone would hardly have given serious cause for alarm.

Double Crisis

Responsibility for the fuel crisis is shared between the miners and the Government. It was the miners who, by their scandalous rate of over 10 per cent. of voluntary absenteeism, caused the shortage of coal, and the Government who neglected to adjust the consumption of coal to the supply, and assure adequate winter stocks.

This time last year, as the Government themselves acknowledged, it was almost a mathematical certainty that, at the current rate of consumption and production, there must be insufficient stocks for even a mild winter unless action were taken. No action was taken until the economic machine was on the point of breakdown, and it was no excuse to plead the winter was hard.

The moment, however, the fuel crisis was upon us the dollar crisis became as predictable as the fuel crisis itself had been.

A last-minute insertion in the Economic Survey for 1947, published early in the fuel crisis, expressly stated that previously conceived export targets for this year could no longer be attained. It needed no unusual clairvoyance to foresee, that the balance of payments would be bound to deteriorate in the way it in fact has, except perhaps in so far as the position has been aggravated by the effects of convertibility.

Obscurantism

Yet, six months after the event, though talk is plentiful, action has been tardy. Apart from the budgetary onslaught on tobacco import and the saving of one or two million pounds by the slashing of newspaper imports—a gesture worthy of Mrs. Partridge herself—nothing has been done. Now the Government are to produce some fresh proposals.

A policy of import cuts, especially dollar imports, is rational and necessary, but it should have been drastic and early. The longer the delay the more severe must be the ultimate cuts. Judgment on the adequacy of the new programme must await its disclosure.

Threat To Singapore Rubber

Singapore, Aug. 21.

Twelve Chinese rubber factories are facing immediate closure as a result of the stoppage of imports of raw rubber from Sumatra.

In an interview with Central News, Lee Kong-chien, President of the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce, admitted that the situation was critical.

He explained that the cause of the stoppage of imports of raw rubber from Sumatra was partly due to the Dutch prohibition of shipping along some part of the east coast of Sumatra but mainly due to the Dutch control of the exchange rate between the Guilder and the Straits dollar.

In the blackmarket, one Guilder or equals to only 20 cents of the Straits currency whereas the Dutch Insulated on the official rate of 80 cents to a Straits dollar which was unacceptable

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S 83
H 8
D K Q 6 4 2
C K 10 5 3 2
S J 10 9 5
H A 9 7 2
D J 9
C A 7

(Dealer: East. East-West vulnerable.)
East South West North
Pass 1 H Pass 2 D
Pass 3 S Pass 4 C
Pass 4 NT

North decided—in which he was correct—that South's 4-No Trumps was not meant as a Blackwood convention slam try, but an effort to play the hand at that contract. It proved just one level too high.

Despite the spade bid, West opened the J of that suit to the Q. South led his club Q to the A, took the spade 9 with the A, led to the club K, gave up the 10 to the J and played his heart K on the returned 10, the A

winning. The spade 10 removed South's last honour in that suit. He cashed the heart Q and J. Then ran three top diamonds. But, when the club failed to break, he had only nine tricks, so had to give up the setter to East.

It was unnecessary for the side to get too high. South could have prevented the crowding by bidding only 2-Spades on his second turn instead of three. That "reverse" would have been a one-round force, to which North could have responded with three of either minor and then South could have bid just 3-No Trumps. But North was also at fault. After South's powerful bid of 3-Spades, North should have taken a chance on 3-No Trumps, even with his bad fits for the majors. The combination of sins by both partners beat them deservedly out of a game which was there for them to score.

Tomorrow's Problem

S 7 3 2
H K 8 4
D Q 6
C Q J 10 8 3
S Q 8 6 4
H Q 6 5 3
D 2
C A G

(Dealer: North. Neither side vulnerable.)
If West leads the heart 3 against a No Trump game and South lays down the spade A, K and J to the Q, what should East discard?

YANKS IN ITALY WILL DIG IN FOR WINTER

Leghorn, Aug. 20.

American troops in Italy will dig in for the winter, Army officials disclosed today in the wake of unofficial reports that their stay has been shifted from a temporary to an indefinite status because of the Soviet delay in ratifying the Italian peace treaty.

The Army was caught off balance by the change in prospects for a stay in the Mediterranean theatre and is now short of winter clothing and equipment.

The Army originally planned its withdrawal by April 1, 1947, as the earliest likely date, which later was reset to June 30. Now it is forced to order a complete halt in troop evacuation from the Morgan Line and base installations in Leghorn, Rome and elsewhere in Italy.

Under the new programme the 88th Infantry Division will continue policing the Allied zone of Venezia Giulia fronting the Yugoslav zone. Leghorn and surrounding units will continue as supply commands. The Rome area will remain as a rear zone for troops and a liaison centre.

The number of American troops in the Mediterranean theatre has been classified secret, but authoritative sources set the figure at 20,000. British troops in the theatre were reported to number 30,000.—United Press.

APPEAL

Nuremberg, Aug. 20.

Dr. Friedrich Berghold, counsel for the former Field Marshal Milch, said today that he had been officially informed that the United States Supreme Court will hear his appeal for a review of the life imprisonment sentence. Milch was found guilty two months ago of war crimes and crimes against humanity, involving medical experimentation and slave labour. The appeal will come before the Supreme Court in October. —United Press.

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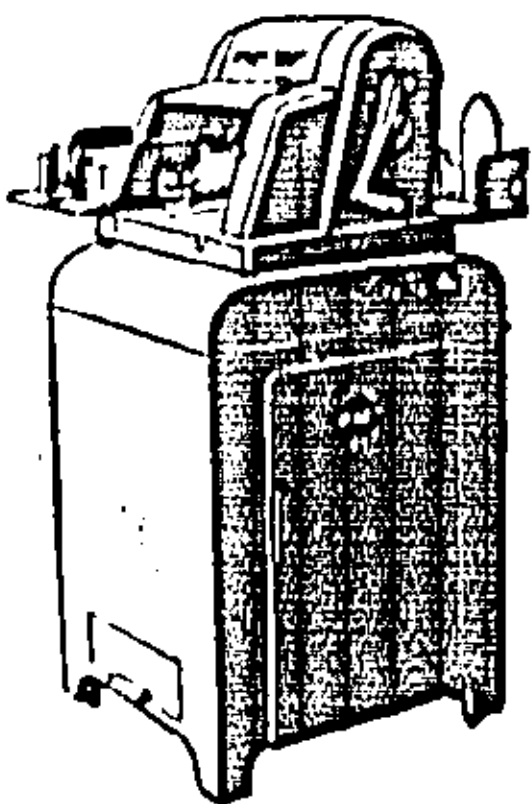
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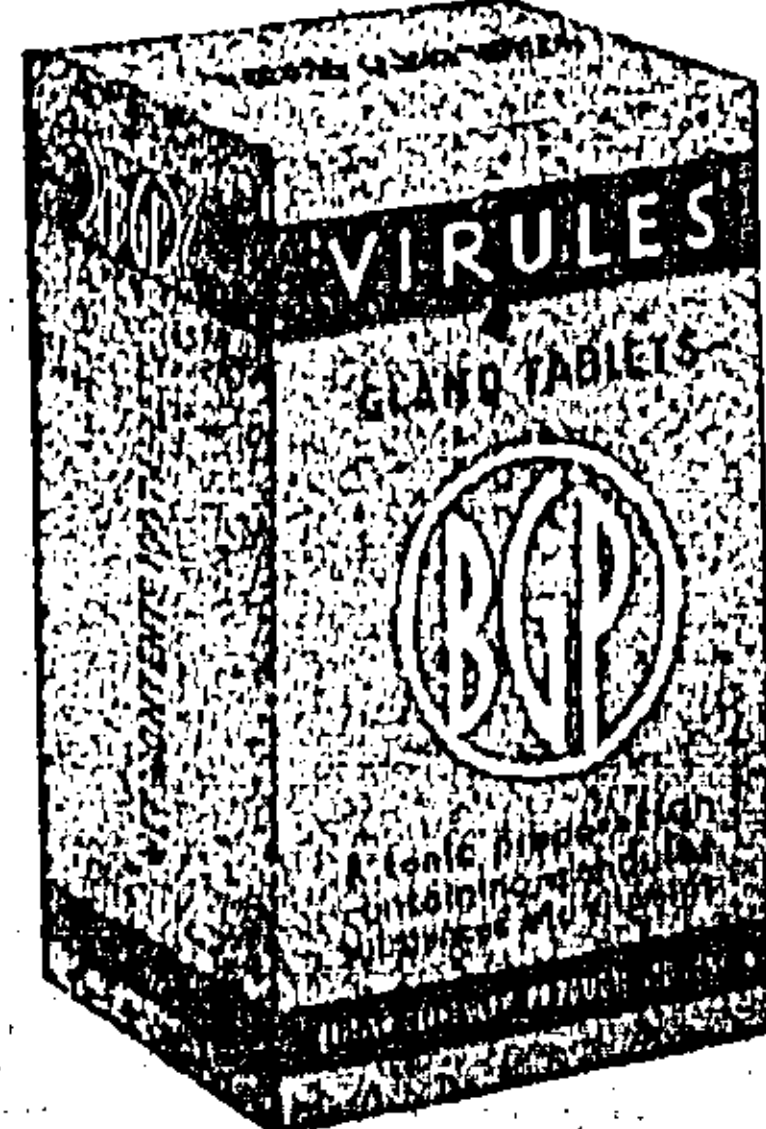
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Sterling Convertibility
Temporarily SuspendedDRAMATIC
ANNOUNCEMENT

London, Aug. 20.

The Treasury has announced the temporary sus-
pension of many of the present arrangements
for the convertibility of sterling to dollars.
Sterling on Canada account may only be used in
Canada or the sterling area.The Treasury order has been
issued, with effect from August
21, 1947. The order repeats
the substance of the existing
payments orders with the fol-
lowing amendments:"Sterling can no longer be
freely transferred from trans-
ferable accounts (of non-resi-
dents of sterling area) to Amer-
ican accounts or Canadian ac-
counts, but remains otherwise
transferable as hitherto."
"Sterling on Canadian ac-
count may only be used in Can-
ada or the sterling area. Can-
adian transferable accounts
disappear."Announcing the decisions in
a broadcast tonight, the Chan-
cellor of the Exchequer, Mr.
Hugh Dalton, said: "We have
decided, with deep regret, that
it is no longer possible to con-
tinue the arrangements under
which the heavy burden of the
desperate dollar shortage of so
many other countries is simply
shifted on to our shoulders."
"Sterling will still be able to
be exchanged freely into any
other currencies, and, indeed,
our new arrangements will pro-
vide for a much wider use of
sterling in international ex-
change than was the case a few
months ago."

American Agreement

"This decision has been taken
following talks in Washington
with the American Government,
in exchange of letters between
ourselves and our American
friends will be published to-
morrow, and I should like to
say at once how much we all
appreciate their cooperation and
understanding in this matter."
"In the same spirit, and with
a consciousness of that sense
of comradeship which has never
failed us, we are in close
consultation with the Canadian
Government."Disclosing that Britain was
losing dollars at the rate of
over \$30,000,000 daily, Mr. Dal-
ton recalled his Commons' state-
ment of the heavy drawings on
the American loan in July."I had hoped that the draw-
ing in August would be a good
deal less than this," he said.

Heavy Drain

"But since the in both Houses
of Parliament, on August 6 and
August 7, and the press com-
ments which followed these de-
bates, there has been a further
sharp increase in the drain on
our dollars.""In the five working days
ending August 16, we had to
pay out no less than \$14,000,-
000. On Monday and Tuesday
of this week, we had to pay out
a further \$16,500,000. Clearly
this cannot go on.""It is a grievous disappoint-
ment to us as it must be to our
friends in the United States and
Canada, that great effort at
postwar financial reconstruction,
which we have made to-
gether, has resulted in this set-
back.""But we must keep sterling a
strong currency, not a currency
that every holder hurries to
turn into dollars overnight."
The strength of sterling is an
asset not only to us and to our
friends in the sterling area, but
to all the world."We have done everything in
our power to develop multi-
lateral trade, but if the pre-
sent strain on sterling contin-
ued unchecked, it would be good-
bye to all hopes of fully multi-
lateral trade for many years to
come."

Unavoidable

"Our decision will inevitably
cause disturbance of trade over
a wide area, and may lead to
some interruption of supplies.
We regret this, but it is un-
avoidable. If we had waited,
instead of acting now, this dis-
turbance and interruption
would only have been worse.
We hope that it will be under-
stood everywhere in Britain,
this decision is only the taking
of wise precautions to maintain
a firm foundation for sterling
as an international currency.""We shall now have to make
new arrangements with other
countries to help us all to deal
with this new situation."Telling the British public
that they must face some fur-
ther shortages of overseas sup-
plies, Mr. Dalton said: "As
you have already been warned,
there will probably have to besome reductions in our rations."
Britain, he added, must close
the gap between imports and
exports "as a condition of na-
tional self-respect and national
survival, even at the cost of pre-
sent sacrifices, in which all
must share equally."Appealing to workers in es-
sential industries for still
greater efforts, Mr. Dalton
said: "We cannot have too
much coal, and, if we have too
little, we cannot get through.""Agriculture is a great dol-
lar saver. The more food we
grow here, the less we need to
import."

Idleness A Crime

"All of you who are working
for exports—in textiles, steel,
engineering, chemicals and
many other industries—your
work is earning the food and
the materials that we must im-
port, if our people are to have
full employment and a good
standard of life.""In this emergency," the
Chancellor said, "idleness is a
crime. There is no substitute
for hard work if we are to re-
store our national economy."
Mr. Dalton called for renew-
ed efforts at private savings
and added: "We, the men and
women of Britain, are still the
same people who showed the
world what we could do, stand-
ing alone, in the days of war.""Shall we do less to save our-
selves in the days of peace?"—
Reuter.No Further
WithdrawalWashington, Aug. 21.
The United States has
agreed to emergency action to
halt the drain on Britain's
fast diminishing dollar sup-
ply.Simultaneously, Britain
agreed to make no further
withdrawals from her \$3,750,
000,000 loan, which now has
decreased to \$850,000,000,
pending consultations on the
emergency steps.The Anglo-American deci-
sion was announced simul-
taneously here and in London.
—Associated Press.selves in the days of peace?"—
Reuter.

More Austerity

Simultaneously, Sir Wilfred
Eady, chief of the British Finan-
cial Mission here, disclosed that
Britain:May have to cut imports even
beyond the drastic restrictions
already announced.Will have to rewrite 25 to 30
trade agreements with other coun-
tries containing clauses for the
exchange of pounds into dollars.London dispatches quoted
Chancellor of the Exchequer
Hugh Dalton as figuring the loan
balance at \$750,000,000.A Treasury official said Ameri-
can account countries exempted
from the effects of the action in-
clude the Philippines. But the
Chinese status, along with that
of 12 other so-called American
account countries, was considered
doubtful.Among the countries which
probably will be effected is the
Netherlands and the Dutch mone-
tary area.—Associated Press.Dollar Change
ResultsNew York, Aug. 21.
Observers in crude drug oil in-
dustries believe the revaluation
of the Chinese dollar exchange
rate foretells greater supplies of
tung oil, camphor, menthol, cassia,
rhubarb, the "Journal of Com-
merce" said.The opening of Shanghai should
result in greater supplies parti-
cularly of tung oil.Under normal circumstances, a
sharp price break might be ex-
pected, but both importers and
consumers are looking for the
stabilization of the price struc-
ture at or near the present levels.The first offerings of menthol
in six weeks were made here on
Tuesday at a similar level as ear-
lier quotations, \$640 to \$740 and
rhubarb, camphor, cassia and
tung oil remained firm.—Asso-
ciated Press.MONTY DECORATES
FRENCH CADETLondon, Aug. 21.
Robert Lequeux, 21-year-old
pupil corporal cadet from Paris,
was received by Field Marshal
Lord Montgomery on Wednesday
and given an English cadet badge.
The young Frenchman, whose
father fought with the resistance
during the war, is one of a party
of 10 French cadets visiting Eng-
land as guests of a Harrow cadet
battalion.—Associated Press.

PETKOV TRIAL

Sofia, Aug. 20.
The four co-defendants in the
trial of Nicola Petkov, who
were sentenced to five to 15
years imprisonment, have an-
nounced that they will not ap-
pear against their sentences.Petkov, who was sentenced to
death, has not yet appealed. He
has the right to do so up to
August 30.—United Press.

MAIL SUSPENDED

London, Aug. 20.
The Postmaster General an-
nounced tonight that the postal
service from Britain to many
places in Shantung (China), in-
cluding Harbin, the chief city of
Manchuria, has been temporarily
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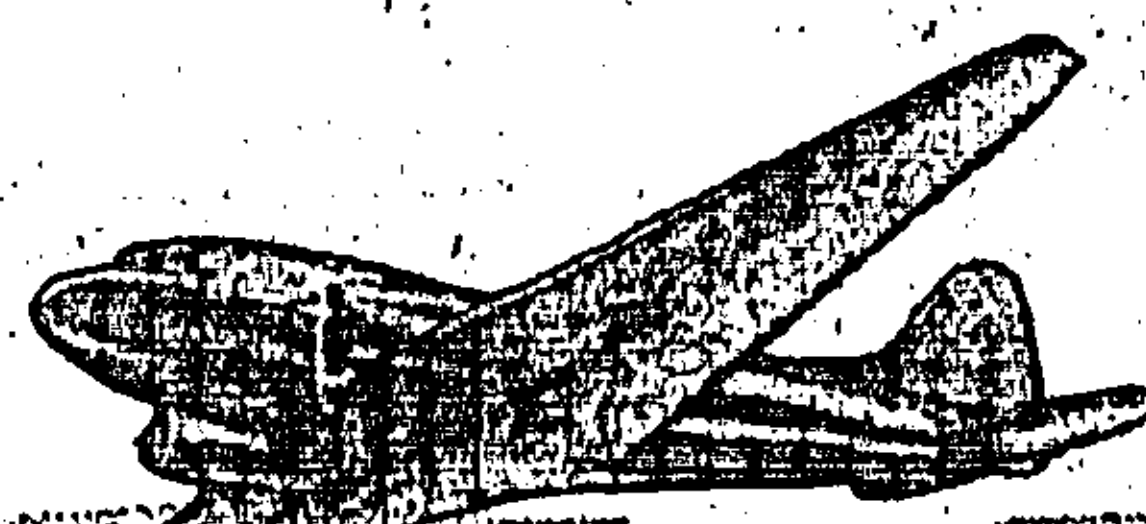
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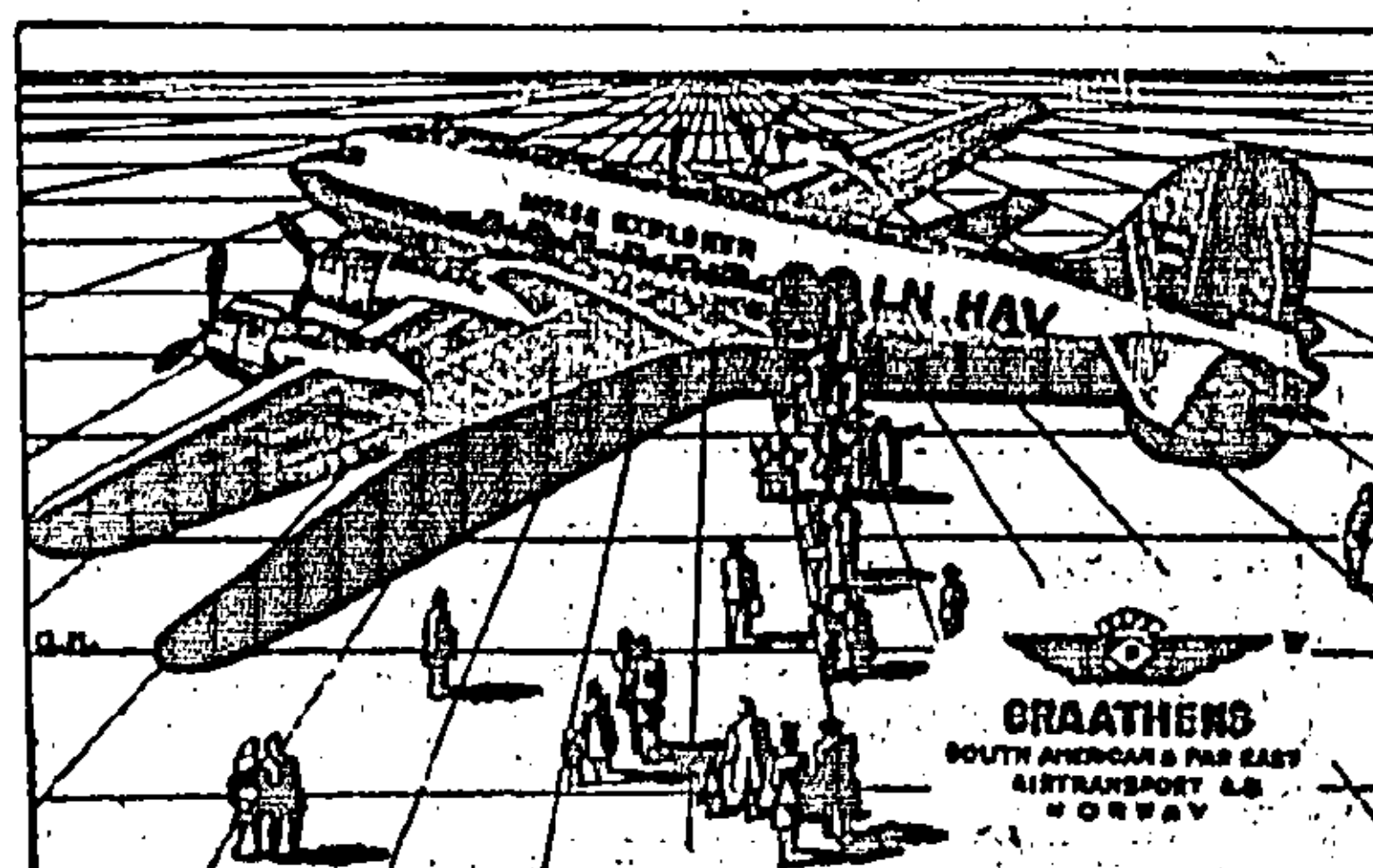
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Jap Ship Bombing "Accident"

Tokyo, Aug. 21.

A Far Eastern Air

Forces spokesman

today described as

"purely accidental" the

dropping of a practice

bomb by a P-51 aircraft

near an 870-ton Japan-

ese ship off Hakata,

Kyushu, on August 12.

Japanese reports yesterday said

the ship was bombed by a

squadron of three unidentified

planes, which dropped 10 to 15

bombs on the No. 3 Kamogawa

Maru, belonging to the Kawasaki

Steamship Company. The re-

ports added that one bomb fell

about 100 metres from the stern

but no damage was caused.

The planes were a group of

P-51s on a routine practice run

on target, but because of over-

cast weather the planes could not

locate the target. Before re-

turning, the planes, following

usual procedure, jettisoned bombs

but one stuck in the bomb rack.

The bomb finally loosened and

must have dropped near the

Japanese vessel.

The pilots reported the in-

cident to Headquarters, but the

matter had not been considered

important enough to deserve a

special announcement.—United

Press.

STOCK MARKET

London, Aug. 20.

Once again little transpired in

the stock markets today outside

that of the Kaifir section where

the best prices were not fully

maintained, owing to considerable

net-taking but a harder ten-

dency was noticeable at the close.

Domestic issues spent a quiet

day with fresh uncertainty being

caused by reports of likely

changes in the British Cabinet.

Industrial shares showed small losses

but the gilt-edged section was

without alteration. In the oil

market, movements were narrow

and with slight bias towards the

lower levels. Foreign bonds de-

veloped little movement but for-

eign rails, particularly Argen-

tines, turned easier in the later

stages.—Reuter.

ST. STEPHEN LANE TRANSFER SET ASIDE

An appeal, arising out of a judgment delivered by the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Blackall, on May 8, whereby a document purporting to be an instrument of transfer in respect of 8 St. Stephen Lane was set aside and declared null and void, was heard before the Full Court, comprising Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Puisne Judge) and Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Additional Judge), at the Supreme Court yesterday.

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The judgment of Sir Henry Blackall read in part:

"This case has been confined to a narrow compass in the end. The only point for decision is whether the plaintiff stood by that in 1945, had knowledge that the defendant was spending money on his property and took no steps to explain the position to him and and so stop the defendant from wasting his money."

(Continued on Page 10)

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The Mercantile Bank of India, has been advised telegraphically by the London Office, that an interim dividend of 5% less tax has been declared for the year 1947.

Students Face Murder Charge

Canton, Aug. 20.

The trial of three Ling-nan students for having allegedly killed to death their teacher, Mr. Tsai Hui-pu, took place at the Canton High Court this morning.

The three students were charged by the Public Prosecutor's Office with killing to death Mr. Tsai, of the Linan Middle School, when he refused to acquiesce in their demand to have prior knowledge of the examination questions set for the following day, when the students were supposed to sit for their graduation examination.

Mrs. Tsai, wife of the deceased, was present at the trial, demanding compensation of CN\$778,000.000.

Reversal
One of the accused students today reversed a statement he made at a previous questioning by denying he killed Tsai on the night of the incident. His lawyer explained his denial by saying that the student was excited by a sense of gallantry and was trying to shoulder the blame himself at that time. He was not in a normal state of mind when he made the statement.

The other two testified that they switched off the lights to frighten Mr. Tsai with ghost cries. Their action was not premeditated, they asserted.

The Court's verdict will be pronounced on August 26.—Central News.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

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Canton (by Train), 7 a.m.
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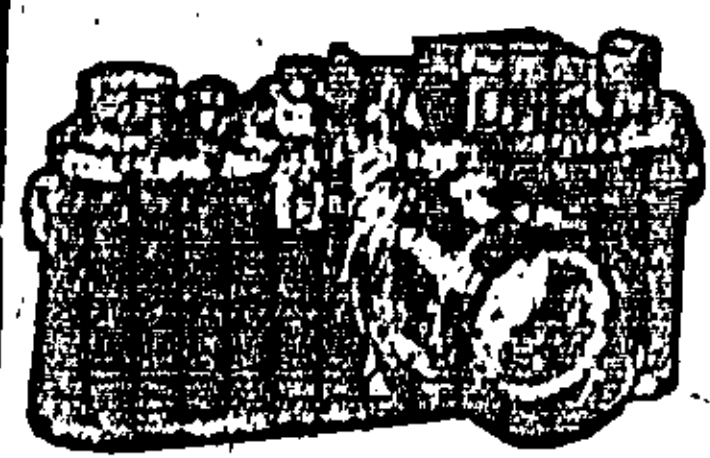
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SOUTH AFRICA FAILS BY 28 RUNS IN DRAMATIC TEST

London, Aug. 20.

South Africa failed by 28 runs, with three wickets intact, to force a dramatic victory over England in the fifth and final Test match, which ended today in a draw.

Facing what appeared to be a hopeless task of getting 451 to win on a wicket showing signs of wear, South Africa scored 423 for seven.

Bruce Mitchell, who carried his score to 189 not out—his highest score in Test cricket—was helped in another big partnership by Tuckett and 109 were added in 90 minutes for the eighth wicket.

Mitchell, who batted admirably for seven hours, collected another record which he had scored 130, his aggregate then beating F. Taylor's record of 2306 for South Africa in Tests. Mitchell's previous highest individual Test score was 164 not out against England at Lords in 1935.

South Africa lost two quick wickets when Alan Melville was caught at the wicket at 217 and two runs later Dawson fell to a brilliant catch by Howarth in the gully.

A brilliant innings of 97 by Dudley Nourse first gave South Africa the chance of turning the tables on England. At one period, South Africa, after appearing to be in a hopeless position, needed only 202 in three hours, with seven wickets standing, but the spell of two wickets in four balls for one run by Cranston caused another fluctuation of fortunes.

At the tea interval, South Africa were 294 for six when 157 runs were needed in 105 minutes.

Mitchell Lashes Out
Nourse, batting with vigour and skill, scored 97, including 12 fours in two hours 25 minutes. Mitchell, as if suddenly realising a chance of victory, released a series of superlative cover drives, which left the fieldsmen standing and runs came quickly. He reached his century in four hours 50 minutes and became the second South African to score a hundred in each innings of a Test, Alan Melville having done so in the first Test at Nottingham.

Scoreboard

The re-broadcast of the final Test read:
England: 427 and 325 for six declared. South Africa 302 and 423 for seven.

South Africa's second innings:
Dyer, b. b. Wright 14
Mitchell, not out 189
Viljoen, stumped Evans, b. Howarth 33
Nourse, b. Howarth 97
Melville, c. Evans, b. Cranston 217
Dawson, c. Evans, b. Howarth 20
Mann, c. Hutton, b. Wright 10
Tuckett, not out 40
Extras 30

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	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cranston	30	1	68	0
Gladwin	16	5	33	0
Wright	40	8	103	2
Howarth	37	8	85	3
Cranston	21	3	61	2
Compton	4	0	30	0
Hutton	2	0	14	0
Yardley	1	0	1	0

Middlesex Vies With Gloucester

London, Aug. 20.

Middlesex and Gloucestershire, who are struggling at the top of the County cricket championship table are both on the road to victory in their matches which began today.

Middlesex did well to score 253 on a tricky wicket at Derby, and their score was chiefly due to Brown, who contributed 95. They looked all set for a large total when the third wicket fell at 158, but then five men were dismissed for only seven runs. Derby also found the wicket troublesome and have lost four batsmen for only 88.

Gloucestershire gained first innings lead against Glamorgan at Cheltenham, after having made a great recovery from a disastrous start. They lost their first four wickets for 11 runs, but the tail-enders took the score to 172. This total proved too much for Glamorgan, who found Cook in fine form, with his leg breaks and were dismissed for 155. Cook took six for 56.

The close of play scores are: At Southbourne: Essex 434 for eight (Peter Smith 83, Bailey 205). Sussex to bat.

At Northampton: Notts 210 (R. Clark 57 for 57). Northants 127 for six (Barron 61). At Dover: Kent 208 (Todd 66, Fagg 60, Jackson 56 for 58). Worcestershire 139 for nine.

At Derby: Middlesex 253 (Brown 95). Derbyshire 88 for four.

At Cheltenham: Gloucestershire 172 (Wilson 56). Mattheus four for 41 and 18 for no wickets. Glamorgan 155 (Watkins 55, Cook six for 50).

At Manchester: Lancashire 329 (Hkin 82, G. A. Edrich 90). Hampshire 48 for three.

At Leicester: Leicestershire 404 (Tomlin 122, Lester 100 not out, Pickering 57). Somerset 11 for one.

At Lough: Yorkshire 314 (Halliday 67, Watson 68, Sellers 60, Hollies five for 72). Warwickshire nine for no wickets. Reuter.

CITY'S TOLL OF DEAD MAY RISE UP ABOVE THE THOUSAND MARK

Cadiz, Aug. 21.

The entire population of this shattered city was in mourning today as the toll of known dead in Monday night's devastating explosion reportedly reach 400. The national news agency, Cifra, quoting authoritative sources, reported that over 400 bodies had already been recovered and estimated that the final toll might be over 1,000.

The news agency, Menche, a quoting the same source, reported that 5,000 to 6,000 were injured. News agency figures distributed to the Spanish press could not be immediately verified.

A requiem mass for 113 dead was celebrated in the cemetery chapel yesterday.—United Press. (For EyeWitness Account—See Mr. Pearson Please, Page 4).

The Heat Went On

Tipperary, Aug. 20.

Mr. Michael Ryan, well-known farmer and one of Ireland's greatest international Rugby football forwards, was killed by lightning last night, while working on his farm near Rockwell College, Cahel County, Tipperary.

The horse he was driving was also killed.

Ryan and his brother, the late John Ryan, played in the last Irish rugby team to win the Triple Crown in 1899, and were regarded as among the greatest forwards the game ever produced. Fifty years ago they played rugby with Mr. De Valera when he was on the professional staff of Rockwell College.—Reuter.

NEW FORMS OF PIER LEASES PLANNED

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Asides of any application will be carefully investigated where the lease is known to have been used for other purposes, or otherwise disposed of possession of the pier or any part of it.

Renewal Terms

Leases will be granted in the first instance for 15 years from 1st January 1950, with an option for renewal for a further term of 15 years which shall subsequently be extended for yet another term of 15 years subject to mutual agreement between Government and the lessee. Rentals will be reassessed at the end of each fifteen year period. No lease will continue beyond 31st December, 1964.

Every lease will contain the following covenants:

(i) For due repair and maintenance including maintenance in a cleanly condition, and for handing over in a serviceable condition on the expiration of the term.

(ii) Not to assign, sub-let or otherwise dispose of or part with possession of the pier without the written consent of the Governor.

(iii) At all times to permit inspection by authorised officers of the Government.

(iv) Not to use or permit the pier to be used for any purpose other than the lessee's business without the written consent of the Governor.

(v) Not to make any alteration or extension of the pier, or to erect any structure thereon without the written consent of the Director of Public Works.

(vi) Not to use or permit the pier to be used for the storage of materials or goods of any description, other than gear required for working the pier, or to permit such materials or goods to remain on the pier beyond the time actually required for transit purposes.

(vii) To comply with the provisions of all enactments now or hereafter in force regarding the construction, maintenance, lighting or use of piers.

(viii) To ensure the preservation of due order in the whole area included in the pier lease.

(ix) Not to exhibit or permit to be exhibited any advertisement on or above the pier without the written consent of the Governor.

(x) If the pier is at any time used for the embarkation of passengers, the lessee, if called upon to do so by the Governor, to erect and maintain such shelters or other structures as the Governor may require for the use of police and preventive officers for the inspection of passengers and their baggage.

Re-Entry Proviso

Every pier lease will contain a proviso for re-entry on the breach or non-observance of the covenants or stipulations on the part of the lessee.

It is recognised that special conditions will arise in the case of privately owned piers which are used for public utility services.

Present rentals are in accordance with the scale prescribed in the schedule to the Piers Ordinance, 1899, and this scale continues in force until 31st December, 1949. The scale is open to criticism on the following grounds:

(a) It was devised fifty years ago and does not reflect present-day values.

(b) The rentals throughout the harbour frontage of the City of Victoria are on the same scale irrespective of the position of the pier or the use to which it is put.

(c) The rentals for piers in places other than Victoria are one-half of the scale for the piers in Victoria irrespective of locality.

(d) The scale is not related to any basic rental per square foot, but is a fixed rental graded according to specified areas and after an area of 10,000 feet has been reached no additional rental is chargeable.

(e) This scale does not take into consideration advantages derived from locality, shelter or depth of water or the suitability of any of these factors to the use for which the pier is intended.

The scale at present applicable to Victoria for the smallest piers (500 ft. and under) works out at 24c. per square foot against 12 cent per square foot for a pier of 10,000 square feet or 6 cent per square foot for a pier of 20,000 square feet. For a pier in the choicest position on the Kowloon peninsula the rent would be the same for a pier of equal size as that for a pier at Kennedy Town the rental would be double that for a pier of equal size in the choicest position at Kowloon.

Sun Fo At Chungshan

Macao, Aug. 21.

Chungshan today gave a warm welcome to Vice-President Sun Fo who is visiting his native village to celebrate the birthday of his mother.

General Chang Fu-kwei and Lo Cheung-ying also arrived at Chungshan this afternoon and were among those who received Dr. Sun.—United Press.

Baseball

New York, Aug. 21.

In the National League, Whitey Kurowski belted a relief hurler Hugh Casey's first pitch for a homer in the 12th, to give St. Louis an uphill 3-2 victory over Brooklyn in the last of their four game series. The victory narrowed the Dodgers' lead to 4½ games.

Kurowski singled to left in the eighth for St. Louis' first hit. Up to that time Ralph Branca had allowed only two Cardinals to reach first. Cardinal's Murry Dickson allowed only four hits until taken out for a pinch hitter in the eighth.

Johnny Mize and Mickey Wittek homered to pace New York to a 10-3 victory in the opener. Mize got his 48th homer in the nightcap, but Cincinnati won 3-2.

Boston lost sloppily after reaching the 1,000,000 home attendance mark, Pittsburgh winning 16-10.—Associated Press.

TO INCREASE FOOD STOCKS

London, Aug. 21.

The Minister for Agriculture (Mr. Tom Williams) today announced plans for a £100,000,000 increase in agricultural produce output during the next five years.

This will be the farmers' part in the one-way street of greater production for Britain's economic recovery.

"Farmers now have the great opportunities of their lives to do what they can without coercion for a country in desperate straits," he told a press conference.

It is the intention of Government to throw behind this scheme all the material resources, including labour.

"For the first time farmers have, not for one year or two, but for the whole series of years an absolutely assured market for all they can produce," said the Minister.

Mr. Williams warned that "no situation during the war was from serious than the present moment confronting the nation."

The new expansion programme aims at £72,000,000 or 15 per cent more output than in 1944 which was the previous high mark, he said.

The £100,000,000 increased production would come half from increased efficiency and half from additions to agricultural resources.

"Emphasis has been deliberately placed on dollar saving products," he said.

"Almost all products have dollars but particularly important are pork, eggs, mutton, cereals and linseed. The programme, therefore, is one of reviving and expanding the production of meat, eggs, wheat and barley and adding to the crop area no less than 400,000 acres of linseed."

Half a million acres of wheat would be planted next year over this year's 2,740,000 acres, Mr. Williams said.

He also announced four new subsidies. The subsidies, "designed as stimulus to production," include:

1. A subsidy on the cost of fertilisers.
2. A subsidy on the cost of insecticides.
3. A subsidy on the cost of fuel.
4. A subsidy on the cost of transport.

British Golf

Brighton, Aug. 21.

Dai Rees, Britain's outstanding professional of 1947, is headed for another tournament win by adding a 67 to his first round 69 in the London "News Chronicle" 72 hole golf tournament.

With many cards still to come in, the steady Rees, a sure thing for the British Ryder Cup team going to America in October, held a seven stroke advantage over his nearest rival, Frank Jowle, who tallied 69 in the second round.

Australian Norman Van Nida, seeking to push his British record winnings, trailed by eight strokes with 70.

The final two rounds of the £1,500 event will be played on Thursday over the 6,016 yard Hollingbury Park links.—Associated Press.

ST. STEPHEN LANE TRANSFER SET ASIDE BY COURT

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"In that case, as was laid down in Dunn v. Spurrer, it is for the plaintiff to prove, not merely to raise a probable conjecture, but to show it upon highly probable grounds, a case of bad faith and bad conscience against defendant. Further on in that case, the Lord Chancellor said 'It must be put upon the party (that is to say, the defendant in the present case) to prove his case by strong and cogent evidence,' leaving no reasonable doubt that he acted upon that sort of encouragement."

"At the conclusion of the case for the defence, there was evidence that the plaintiff got to know about the sale of his property in Jan. 1946, and there was evidence that he did not take any steps, so far as the Court knew, until the end of April. That being so, it appeared to me that it was for the plaintiff to explain why he acted in that manner."

"The plaintiff has now given evidence and he has explained, in the first place, that he only spent a few days in Hong Kong in Jan. 1946, and that he did not come back again until about July. I accept that evidence and that disposes of one point which I had been thinking about, namely, that it would be a curious thing for him to do nothing if he had been living in Hong Kong throughout the period from Jan. until April."

"There remains the question as to whether he knew about these repairs going on either himself personally or through some deputy. Various suggestions have been forwarded by Mr. Bernatchi as to this but I cannot put any of them higher than a conjecture—I would say rather a far-fetched conjecture."

"Having heard the plaintiff, I am satisfied that he gave a correct version of what happened and that he did not know these repairs were being effected at that time, if indeed they were effected. On this point, it is not irrelevant to mention that the law then prohibited more than a small amount of repairs to be done without a permit and there is no evidence before the Court that the defendant obtained a permit for extensive repairs."

"However, I should like to make it quite clear that I do not base my decision on that point. I prefer to base it upon the principles laid down in the case which I already referred to, namely, that it is for the defendant to show that the plaintiff stood by and, having heard the whole evidence, I consider he has failed to do this."

"If therefore give judgment for the plaintiff in the terms of the statement of claim."

Hearing was adjourned till 10.15 a.m. today.

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Young Watchman Was An Ambitious Man

Chan Yuet-chiu, 29-year-old watchman employed by the Far East Flying School at Kai Tak, was an ambitious man. He wanted to both better his position and his income of \$125 per month.

But according to Magistrate W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday he "went the wrong way about it," when he took the car of Mr. Hal's, the Chief Instructor, to practice driving.

Mr. Hal's, said Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth, parked his car (1194) outside the Driving School.

Defendant drove it off without so much as a "by your leave."

He "drove round and round the school," and went bang into the tail of an aircraft belonging to Mr. K. B. Leo.

Apparently getting into a blue funk, Chan drove the car back to where he first found it and disappeared without bothering to report the accident.

Ultimately defendant was traced and arrested.

The damage to the aircraft, continued S/I Howarth, was estimated at \$1,000, while repairs to Mr. Hal's car would cost about \$270.

Flooding for leniency, defendant said that he had a mother, wife and two children to support. An the \$125 per month he was earning was in-

YEARLING SALE

Deauville, Aug. 20.

Prince Ali Khan sold two horses during today's session of yearling sales here for a total of 2,020 guineas. The horses, Setarah, a colt by Blue Moon out of Blancheland and Atlanta, a filly by Firilil out of Her Ladyship were the only two to be brought out of six offered by Prince Ali Khan from his French stable at Marly La Ville.

Setarah brought 700 guineas and Atlanta went for 1,200 guineas.—Reuter.